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NEW WAR FRONT WARNINGS

Rome, To-day.

The newspapers devote columns to despatches from all over Europe about what their headlines describe as "the threat of war from the Black Sea to the Arctic."

While all newspapers refrain from comment, the impression is created that hostilities may break out at any moment in the Caucasus as well as northern Europe.

Some newspapers prominently display Berlin reports about General Weygand's army in Syria and emphasise the vulnerability of the Soviet oil-bearing district.

Cairo despatches stress the collaboration in the Near East between Britain, France and Egypt.

"Tribuna" quotes a statement in an Istanbul newspaper that Turkey will enter the war on the side of the Allies on the day that any power marches against the Balkans. — Reuter.

NAVAL ACTIVITY IN ARCTIC

NERVOUS MISGIVING IN BERLIN

Zurich, To-day.

There is anxiety in Berlin as a result of what is described as the activities of the British Navy in northern seas, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung."

The correspondent says: "Nervous misgivings in Berlin concerning the activity of the British Navy in Norwegian territory are growing more and more and are developing into anxiety. Lest Britain may start a great war offensive, to be launched from the north of Europe."

"The German authorities therefore are trying to give the impression that not a moment will be lost in starting a big offensive before the British Navy or Air Force have launched these big attacks." — Reuter.

AVIATION ACTIVITY

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French communique said there was some aviation activity on either side. — Reuter.

ALLIED RESPONSIBILITY AFTER WAR—NO SCOPE FOR ANOTHER RUN AMUCK

PARIS, TO-DAY.

"WHEN THE WAR IS OVER WE MUST SEE THAT FOR A LONG PERIOD — AT LEAST TWO GENERATIONS — NO STATE IN EUROPE HAS THE POSSIBILITY OF RUNNING AMOK," SAID COMMANDER STEPHEN KING-HALL, THE POLITICAL COMMENTATOR AND NATIONAL LABOUR M.P., LECTURING BEFORE A FASHIONABLE FRENCH AUDIENCE HERE YESTERDAY.

Commander King-Hall continued that the responsibility for this rests on Britain and France.

"We must create in the minds of our two peoples," he declared, "fidelity, loyalty, respect and real affection for a country which is neither French nor British but Franco-British."

ALLIES MUST AID FINLAND

— MR. HORE-BELISHA

London, To-day.

That France and Britain should throw all their weight by sea, air and land into the task of helping Finland, was urged by Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, addressing his constituents at Devonport yesterday in his first public speech since resigning the War Ministry.

"The Allies have no easy task before them," he declared. "To assure triumph they must rely not on an internal enemy collapse but a defeat by external force."

"The continued resistance of Finland gives reason to believe that Russia's might rests on insecure foundations." (Continued on Page 20.)

Sacrifice would not end with the war. The danger was that once peace was obtained, people would exclaim "Let's get back to normal life."

"We must make people understand that to get back to normal life is to sow the seeds for a third war."

"We mustn't attempt to solve problems within a national framework. Steps should be taken to establish new departments in the Anglo-French Foreign Ministries, devoted to the task of working out ways and means of Anglo-French co-operation in peacetime."

"I would establish a consultative council, 50 per cent. French and 50 per cent. British."

"This would do for Anglo-French co-operation what the Dominions Office does for relations between the Dominions and Britain."

CENTURIES APART

Asking why Europe afflicted each generation with a major war, Commander King-Hall said the reason was that there were two sorts of nations at a different stage of political evolution.

One group included England, France, Holland, and Sweden, who understood we were living in the Twentieth Century; the other group comprised the Russians and Germans, who were still in the Nineteenth or Eighteenth Century. — Reuter.

BLOCKADE IN BLACK SEA?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

It is anticipated that Britain may take steps to extend her contraband control to the Black Sea with a view to arrest Soviet-German trade exchanges. — Havas.

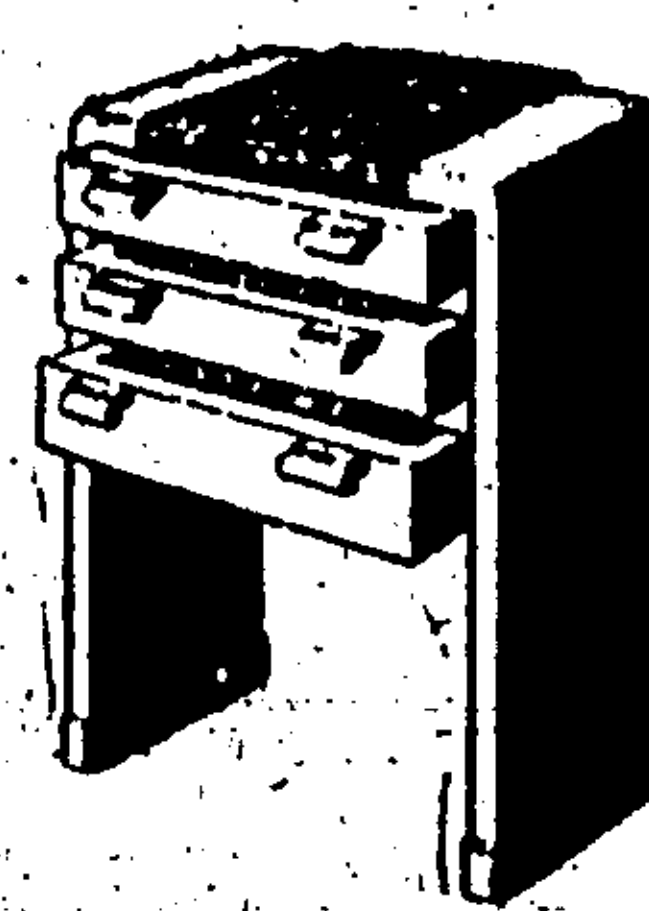
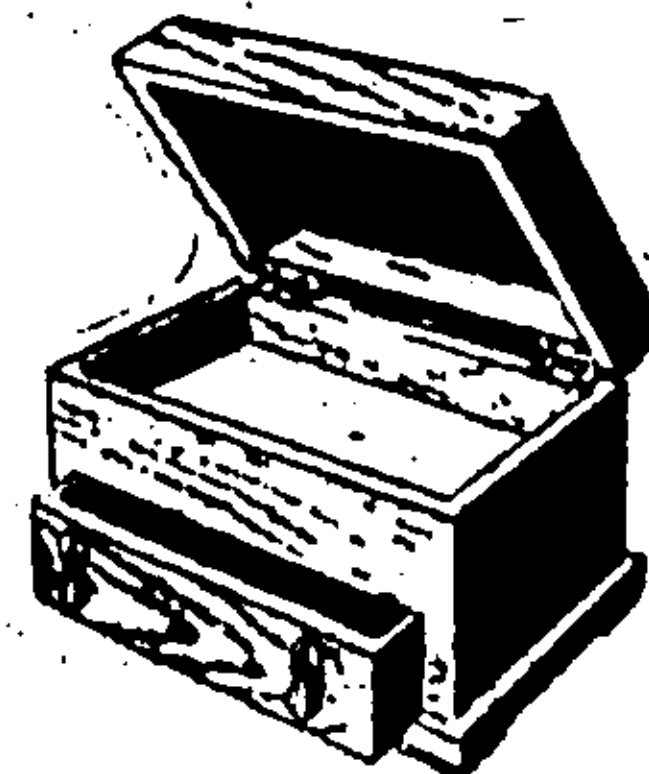
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RIDDLE OF LIFE ON MARS MAY BE HIS BIG TRIUMPH

The man who may be the first to establish whether there is life on Mars and other planets is to receive the highest honour British astronomers can bestow.

Attempts to solve the much-discussed problem will be made when the gigantic 200-inch telescope at Mount Wilson Observatory, California, is ready for use shortly.

The man who will try to solve the riddle of Mars is Dr. Edwin E. Hubble, the director of the observatory. He has already seen more of the outer distances of stellar space than any other individual.

For his remarkable observations in the heavens, he has been awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society. Officially, the honour has been bestowed for his "outstanding work on the distances, velocities, distribution and nature of the extra-galactic nebulae."

This work was accomplished through the 100 inch diameter telescope, which was being polished to its final perfection during the last war, and which was also set up at Mount Wilson, 6,000ft. above sea level.

Dr. Hubble, who enlisted as a private in the American Expedition-

ary Force and rose to the rank of major, was appointed to the observatory on his demobilisation.

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Dr. Hubble expects it will show ten times the volume of the universe that can be seen now, and also throw new light on what the planets in our own small section of the universe are like.

Dr. Hubble, who was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford, has been previously honoured in Britain. In 1934 Oxford University conferred on him the honorary degree of doctor of science, and in 1936 he delivered, at Oxford, the Rhodes Memorial Lectures, under the title, "The Observational Approach to Cosmology."

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MAJOR DIPLOMATIC VICTORY FOR ALLIES

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE "NEW YORK TIMES" STATES THAT THE RUMANIAN BAN ON GASOLINE EXPORTS TO GERMANY "HAD ALL THE EARMARKS OF A MAJOR VICTORY FOR BRITAIN AND FRANCE."

The newspaper adds: "While Germany may have ample reserves of gasoline for a blitzkrieg against Britain by the air force and for the calls of the present war of inaction, she can hardly support a campaign of unlimited bombing operations in the air or a great land offensive on the western battlefields without an uninterrupted flow of Rumanian oil."

"Russia is a potential source but nothing more, for there is every indication that transport troubles in the Winter have prevented Russian supplies reaching Germany in anything more than dribblets."

The journal says that German compulsion to seek other methods is suggested by the German trade envoy's visit to Bucharest.

"All neutral neighbours of Germany know from experience what these other methods mean. They mean pressure based on the tacit threat of armed invasion if the neutrals don't stand and deliver."

"But in Rumania the Allies have ways and means of counteracting at least in part the fear that Germany will attack."

"In effect, the Turks have told Rumania not to be afraid of Germany's anger, since the powerful Turkish army stands ready to help."—Reuter.

DR. CLODIUS OFF TO BUCHAREST

Amsterdam, To-day.
According to the Berlin correspondent of the "Telegraaf," Dr. Clodius, the Nazi economic expert, has left for Bucharest to clear up the question of Germany's oil supplies.

This is taken as a clear indication of the anxiety felt in Berlin over the oil position.

It is stated that Dr. Clodius will endeavour to persuade the Rumanian Government to exempt oil exports to Germany from the recently imposed 25 per cent. ad valorem duty.—Reuter.

FURTHER BRITISH NEGOTIATIONS

London, To-day.
Reuter learns that the Rumanian reply to the recent British enquiry concerning the purpose of the newly-formed Oil Control Board and the reasons for the increase of Rumanian oil supplies to Germany is regarded in authoritative British circles as forming an adequate basis for further discussions designed to improve trading relations between Rumania and Britain.

The two Governments are now in close contact with a view to achieving that result.—Reuter.

ALTMARK ENQUIRY OPENS

Oslo, To-day.

The British and German Consuls were present at Juosing Fjord yesterday when the Norwegian court of enquiry started investigations into the Altmarm affair.

Main object is to take the statements of eye-witnesses and Norwegian naval officers, with a view to establishing the facts.

The British and German versions are in sharp contradiction, each maintaining that the other fired the first shot.

Several officers of the Altmarm were present but the authorities decided that they need not make statements unless they wished.

The court decided not to reveal its proceedings.—Reuter.

CONGRESSMEN AND THE PROPOSED LOAN TO FINLAND

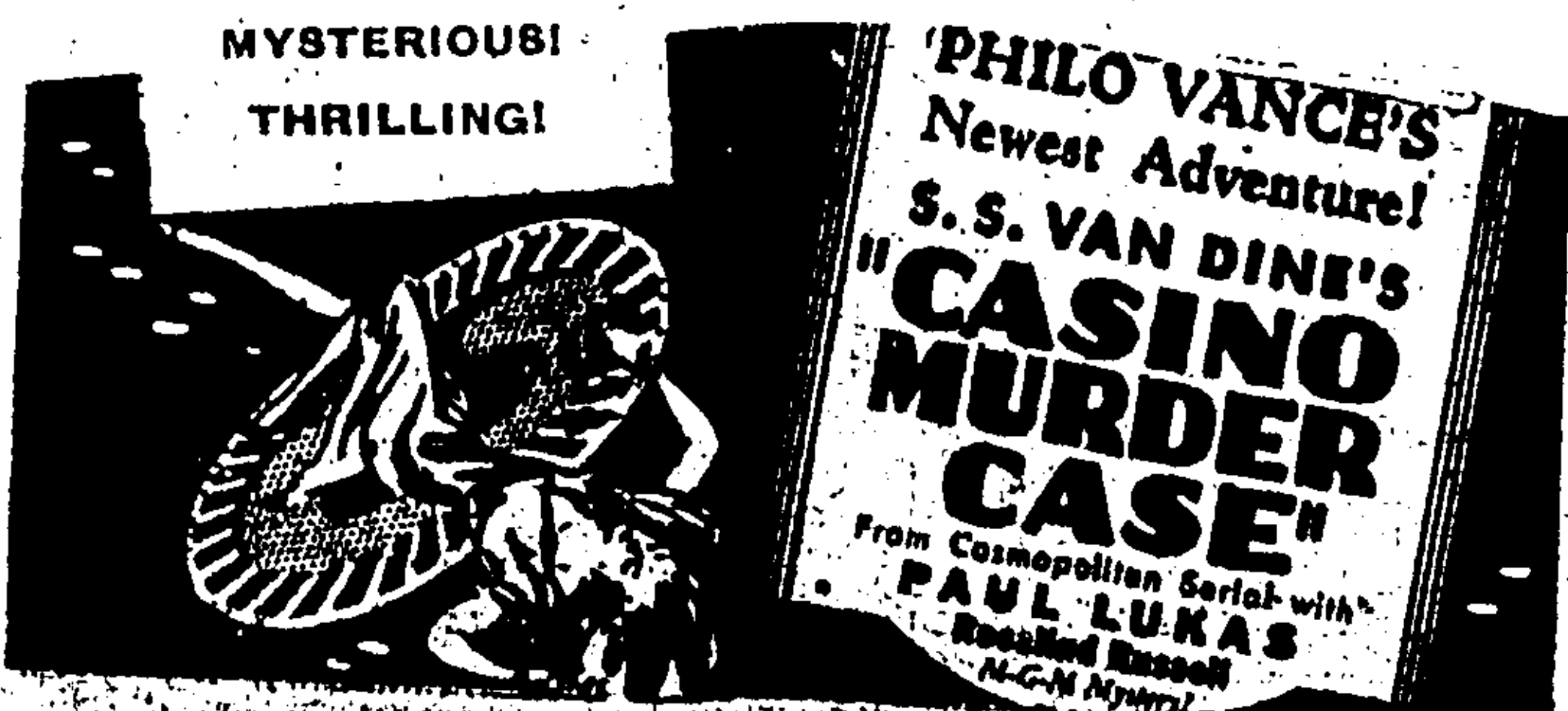
WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
THE PROPOSAL TO PERMIT A LOAN OF \$30,000,000 TO FINLAND FOR THE PURCHASE OF MILITARY AND OTHER SUPPLIES IN THE UNITED STATES WAS OVERWHELMINGLY DEFEATED IN THE BANKING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES YESTERDAY.

The proposal was in the form of an amendment to the Bill—already approved by the Senate—to increase the capital of the Export and Import Bank to permit loans to Finland and other countries for non-military purposes.—Reuter.

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LONDON, TO-DAY.
NAZI AEROPLANES WERE BUSY IN THE NORTH SEA YESTERDAY, LOOKING FOR UNARMED MERCHANTSHIPS. AS USUAL, THE NEUTRALS SUFFERED.

Two Norwegian ships were attacked, one being set on fire, the other sunk.

A lifeboat stood by the ship that was on fire while repairs were being made. The ship later continued on its voyage.

Her captain told the lifeboat that another Norwegian ship, whose name he did not know, had been bombed and sunk. A British naval vessel is now searching for the crew.

A Belgian captain has reported that his ship is sinking and the captain of another has wirelessed that his vessel is being "taken in tow by a warship."

Norway has also lost another ship, the 1,600 tons Telnes, which has not been heard from since February 9. She was bound from New York to Holland and Belgium, and had a crew of 18.—Reuter.

FLIGHT OVER AUSTRIA

London, To-day.
For the second time, R.A.F. planes have flown over Austria. The first flight was on the night of January 12, when R.A.F. machines flew over north-west Germany, Vienna and Prague. This time they flew over Austria and Bohemia.—Reuter.

LEAFLETS DROPPED

London, To-day.
Reuter's correspondent with the R.A.F. says that German anti-aircraft guns went into action without success against British planes which flew over Austria and Bohemia.

The guns failed to score a hit as the planes twisted and turned. No German fighter planes were seen.

The airmen who returned to France reveal that leaflets were dropped.—Reuter.

"GOTHIC" ATTACKED

London, To-day.
For the first time since November 22, Nazi planes on Thursday/Friday night flew "towards Britain." They did not attempt to attack any warships, however, but machine-gunned the British steamer Gothic, of 2,500 tons. The captain and second mate were injured, but the ship has returned safely to port.—Reuter.

PUTS BACK TO PORT.

London, To-day.
The British ship Gothic (2,429 tons) which left port on Wednesday night, returned within two hours, having been attacked by enemy planes. The skipper, Capt. J. Cooper-Nesbitt, and the Second Mate, Mr. Laxton, were injured, the latter seriously, by machinegun bullets, and are in hospital. The ship's superstructure was heavily riddled by bullets.—Reuter.

GERMANS TAKEN OFF STEAMER

Berlin, To-day.

According to a German news agency message from Lisbon the British auxiliary cruiser Comorin stopped the Portuguese steamer Nyasa, bound for Mossamedes from Lourenco Marques, and removed 12 German passengers, including two wives.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish Foreign Minister, Mr. Guenther, left by train last night for Copenhagen to attend the conference of Foreign Ministers of Denmark, Sweden and Norway that opens in the Danish capital to-day.

Although the maritime question is the direct occasion of the meeting there is no doubt that the Ministers will take the opportunity of discussing many matters urgently concerning all three States, including the question of Finland and the attitude to be adopted in the event of open intervention by another power and problems relating to Scandinavian security, especially in the event of an invasion of any of these countries.

Although Scandinavian exasperation at the difficulties of neutral shipping has been rising steadily it is not expected that any sensational results will emerge from the conference, which will probably be concluded by Sunday.—Reuter.

SAFETY IN CONVOY

Paris, To-day.

Of 2,000 merchantmen, convoyed by the French since the beginning of the war, only three have been sunk. The French Navy has escorted 116 convoys, and co-operated with the Royal Navy in 33 other convoys.—Reuter.

WALTHAM EXPLOSION FINDING

London, To-day.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded at the inquest yesterday on the victims of the Waltham Abbey powder factory explosion.

The Coroner said there was no evidence of sabotage.

Evidence was given by Colonel Perrereau, military assistant to the Chief Superintendent of Ordnance Factories, that the court of enquiry had concluded that the most likely cause of the explosion was the abnormal weather.

The court considered it possible that it was due to nitroglycerine becoming frozen, and that it had been inadvertently worked in that state by one of the operatives.—Reuter.

GERMAN WARSHIPS IN HELIGOLAND AREA BOMBED BY R.A.F.

London, To-day.

THE R.A.F. HAVE CARRIED out a bombing attack on German warships in the Heligoland Bight, the Air Ministry announces. The attack was carried out on Tuesday-Wednesday night.

Warships in the Bight were attacked with bombs. Anti-aircraft batteries on ships and on shore opened up on our planes, without hitting them.

One R.A.F. bomber was attacked the homeward journey very bad by three enemy fighters, but without success. One of the enemy machines, it is believed, was forced down.

No casualties or damage were suffered during the operation, but on weather was encountered, which accounted for the failure of one bomber to return home.

Berlin states that one R.A.F. machine was brought down.—Reuter.

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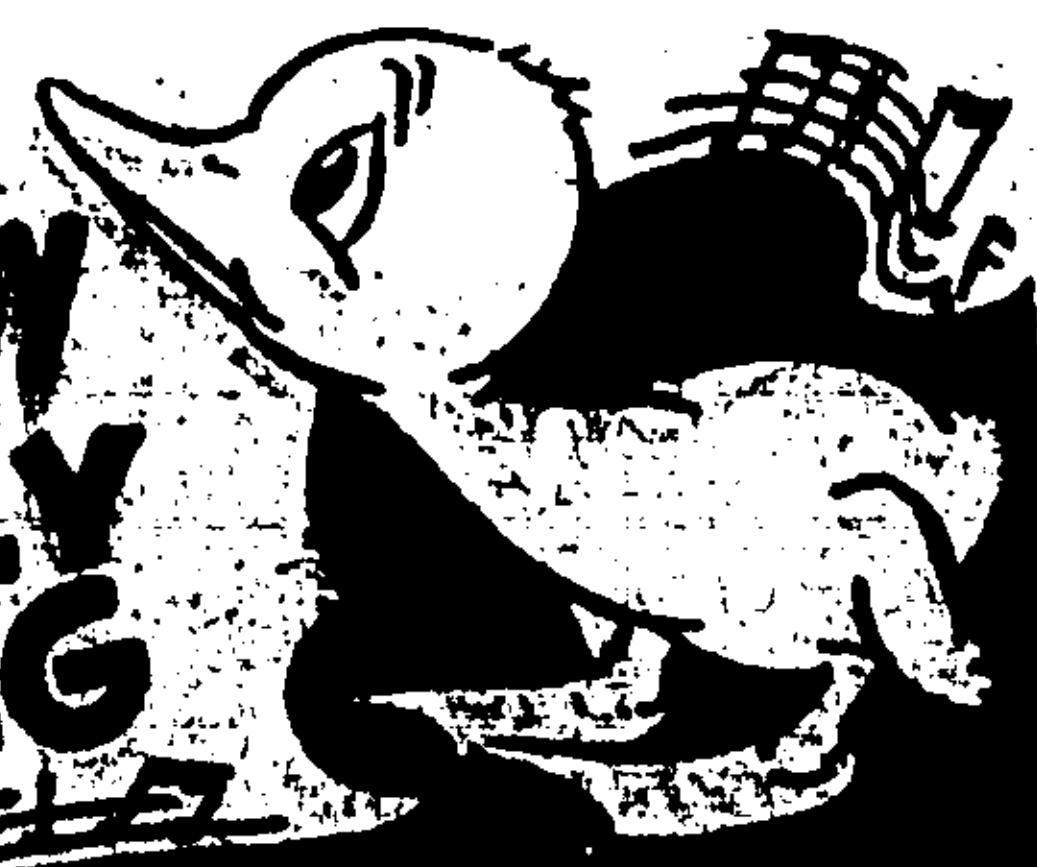
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SOVIET AMBITIONS FOR ANNIVERSARY TRIUMPH DISAPPOINTED: VIBORG HOLDS

Helsinki, To-day.

NO COMMENT ON THE fighting in Finland was made by either side yesterday. It is clear, however, that while the Soviets gained some successes in the early part of the week, at an enormous cost, the Finns still have their tails well up. The Finnish radio announcer at Lahti, commenting yesterday on the Soviet celebrations of the 22nd anniversary of the Red Army and Fleet, said that a great victory was put on the programme in honour of the day.

Immense concentrations of troops and war material were sent to the Karelian Isthmus, and Soviet Russia's best officers and crack troops were sent to the Front. A decisive defeat of the Finnish Army was expected.

On February 1, continued the Finnish announcer, the offensive started—but successes were far below expectations.

To keep up the morale of the population, successes therefore had to be invented, and it so happened that sometimes the reports were contradictory.

"We can only hope," chuckled the Finnish announcer, "that the Soviet leaders will invent more and bigger lies to spare the public disappointment on the anniversary of the Red Army!"

Despite reports of victories, the announcer concluded, the population of Leningrad is sceptical about "successes"; the strings of wounded returning to the front tell another tale—for the hospitals are full and many die owing to the lack of trained hospital staffs and medicines.—Reuter.

Finnish Communiqué

Helsinki, To-day.

A Finnish communiqué claims to have repulsed two enemy attacks between Muolajaervi and Ayrappaan-juervi after each of which the Russians left approximately a whole battalion dead.

An enemy detachment which attacked at Syaklemi across the Ayrappaan Lake was driven back losing 800 killed and 100 prisoners. In the course of cleaning up the stronghold captured on Wednesday, north of Lake Ladoga, an abundance of war material was captured, including 12 guns and over 50 machineguns and tractors. — Reuter.

ALLIED PRESSURE ON NEUTRALS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

Swiss correspondents in Germany declare that the German authorities are worried over the alleged Allied pressure upon neutrals possibly resulting in the interruption of Swedish exports of iron ore to Germany.—Havas.

IN THE "GAZETTE"

The following official appointments, etc. are gazetted:—

Approval of the appointment of the Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council.

Miss M. A. M. Mackay to be a Nursing Sister.

Dr. T. K. Abbott to be a Health Officer.

Mr. L. L. Mills to be Acting Cable Censor and Mr. E. Humphreys to be Acting Assistant Cable Censor.

Lieut.-Comdr. R. J. D. C. Grieve relinquished his Commission in the H.K.N.V.F.

Messrs. Fung Kong-un and Kan Tong-po nominated as Members of the Court of the University of H.K.

Exequatur empowering Monsieur L. O. F. Reynaud to act as French Consul-General at H.K.

Exequatur empowering Mr. H. A. Keller to act as Honorary Consul for Switzerland at H.K.

Exequatur empowering Mr. K. Okazaki to act as Consul-General of Japan at H.K.

Jurisdiction of Don G. S. de Erice y O'Shea, Spanish Consul at Bombay, extended so as to include H.K.

REDS DENY BOMBING OF PAJALA

London, To-day.

A denial by the official Soviet news agency, Tass, that Soviet aircraft bombed the Swedish village of Pajala, was broadcast on the Moscow radio last night.

It was declared that not a single Soviet plane had flown over Pajala, nor generally over Swedish territory.

Rumours that the Soviet had demanded from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania the cession of new naval bases and increases in the Russian garrisons in the ceded bases were likewise described as baseless and completely false.—Reuter.

JEW\$ AND ARABS WORK TOGETHER

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AN AMERICAN NEWS AGENCY MESSAGE IN THE NEW YORK NEWSPAPERS FROM JERUSALEM: "ARAB BOYS AND JEWISH GIRLS DANCING TOGETHER IN JERUSALEM CABARETS IS SYMPTOMATIC OF THE GREATLY IMPROVED JEWISH-MOSLEM RELATIONS RESULTING FROM PALESTINE'S WAR PREPARATIONS."

"A tour of the Holy Land provides evidence that Jews and Arabs have forgotten their differences in the new economic life which the constantly arriving British troops have injected in Palestine."

"In many places Jews and Arabs are seen working peacefully side by side, digging trenches, filling sandbags and building barracks."—Reuter.

GERMANY'S INJURED "INNOCENCE"

Stockholm, To-day.

THE LIBERAL NEWSPAPER "Dagens Nyheter" comments ironically on the indignation in Germany at the alleged pro-British sympathy in Norway in the Altmark case.

At the same time, says the paper, the inventive mind of Dr. Goebbels has hit on the idea of making a move which will leave neutral public opinion with no vestige of a right to make itself heard.

The German press has been instructed to develop the theme that it is inconsistent with true neutrality for public opinion in a neutral country to express itself! German propagandists could not more unblushingly admit that they are seeking to undermine the free existence of the neutral states. Hitherto, they have not had much success in their campaign.

The "Social-Demokraten" comments that the unrestrained propaganda in Germany in connection with the Altmark is an attempt to exploit Scandinavian reaction.

But, comments the paper, Scandinavian opinion will not forget that it is Germany which has deliberately and frequently violated the Scandinavian right to free shipping. — Reuter.

MORE QUAKE SHOCKS IN TURKEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Istanbul, To-day.

A violent earthquake destroyed two villages in the vicinity of the town of Kalsarie killing over a hundred people.

Landslides are threatening many houses in the town of Gordes which has been evacuated.

Seismic shocks were also felt in Sivras district.—Havas.

VICTORY FOR NATIONAL CAUSE

London, To-day.

Voters at the by-election at Silvertown, the dockers and industrial area on the East End outskirts of London, yesterday registered a striking victory for the national cause.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Jack Jones, Labour member for over 20 years, resulted in Alderman J. H. Hollins (Labour) obtaining 14,343 votes.

Mr. Harry Pollitt, the prominent Communist, was second with 966, and Mr. Thomas Moran (British Union of Fascists) third with 151.

Mr. Pollitt and Mr. Moran forfeit their election deposits of £150, owing to the paucity of the votes they polled.

Alderman Hollins told Reuter after the declaration of the poll that the result was an expression of opinion by the workers of this country that they are standing solidly in their determination to wipe out evil things from the face of Europe.

"Silvertown has again sent a message to the Labour movement and to the nation that it is prepared to see that the men who are manning the ships, trenches and aerodromes get all the support the working class movement of this country is able to give." — Reuter.

H.K. GIFT TO ST. DUNSTAN'S

Arising out of an urgent appeal from St. Dunstan's Home, the President and Committee of the British War Organisation Fund, Hong Kong Branch, have decided to allocate a sum of £1,000/- out of the funds in their hands for remittance to that Institution.

It is understood that donations to St. Dunstan's are also being utilised for assisting men and women of the Army, Navy and Air Force and members of the Regular Fire Brigades and Police Forces, who may be blinded in the present war.

BULLS-EYE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. OLIVER STANLEY, WAR MINISTER, TRIED OUT A BREN MACHINE-GUN AT ALDERSHOT YESTERDAY. WITH HIS SECOND BURST, HE SCORED A BULLSEYE. He was visiting the Canadian troops, and Major-General McNaughton, the Canadian Commander-in-Chief, was present.

On Thursday, Her Majesty the Queen sent gifts to the officers and men of the Toronto Scottish Regiment, of which she is Colonel-in-Chief. They are in training at Aldershot.—Reuter.

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DUTCH ANGER ROUSES NAZI IRE!

Amsterdam, To-day.

The anger and consternation caused in Holland by the sinking of Dutch ships is reflected in the "Algemeen Handelsblad," which describes torpedoing without warning as an act of injustice unworthy of a seafaring nation.

The newspaper points out that not a single Italian or American ship has been lost in this way. It is Netherland and Scandinavian shipping that is made to suffer.

"There is a deliberate plan not only to torpedo without warning but to pick on ships sailing on behalf of small neutral countries which are dependent on supplies from other neutral lands overseas."

Government circles in Berlin are very angry at the bitter comments in small neutral countries about the U-boat campaign.

NAZI REPLY

Neutral correspondents in the Nazi capital were told yesterday: "A very sharp answer will be forthcoming in press attacks on the Nazi methods of sea warfare are continued."

Nazi officials declared: "Neutral newspapers, particularly the Dutch press, must mend their manners. Germany can no longer tolerate accusations being made against her submarine commanders, whose conduct is even being called barbarous."

Nazi officials refused to comment on the statement of the captain of the Tara that his ship was torpedoed without warning, resorting to the stock reply that they must await the submarine commander's report before expressing any opinion. — Reuter.

'ON GOD'S SIDE' SAYS PRIMATE

"We must be upheld in the war by an invincible faith in the rightness of our cause" said the Archbishop of Canterbury in a broadcast address.

He recalled that Abraham Lincoln, when asked: "Do you think God is on our side?", replied: "I don't know. What matters is that we should be on the side of God."

The Archbishop continued: "Why should we be willing to meet all the consequences of war for the sake of protecting the freedom and lands of smaller States against the aggression of powerful neighbours, of insisting that the pledges of nations shall be kept?"

"It cannot be because we fear that our own safety may come to be in danger. Is it not because we believe these things stand for the eternal verities of right and wrong?"

"Can we doubt, then, whatever our own sins and shortcomings as a nation may be, that in contending for these things we are on God's side?"

MODEST SPEECH BY CAPTAIN WOODHOUSE

London, To-day.

THE MEN OF H.M.S. AJAX and H.M.S. Exeter filed diffidently into the famous banquet hall at Guildhall yesterday but soon regained their self-possession and a hum of conversation filled the hall.

Captain Bell and Captain Woodhouse, the commanding officers of the two cruisers, sat on either side of the Lord Mayor, Sir William Coxen. Mr. Winston Churchill (First Lord of the Admiralty), Sir Samuel Hoare (Lord Privy Seal), Sir Kingsley Wood (Air Minister), Lord Chatfield (Defence Co-ordination Minister) and Lord Hankey (Minister without Portfolio) sat nearby.

Proposing the toast the Lord Mayor referred to the courage, daring, skill, seamanship and tenacity of the Battle of River Plate, which merited an honoured place in the annals of the Navy.

They had had stories of new engines of destruction which the enemy was about to produce, he said, but there was one thing he could not build — boys of the bulldog breed, some of whom they were honouring to-day.

After a modestly phrased and loudly applauded speech by Capt. Woodhouse, declaring that their encounter with the Graf Spee in the early morning on a nice, fine day, with plenty of room, had made them the envy of the rest of the Navy, Mr. Winston Churchill rose.

3,000 DEAD

Mr. Churchill said the ties uniting the Navy and the nation or the Navy and the Mercantile Marine were never so strong.

The brunt of the war had fallen on the sailormen and their comrades of the R.A.F. Coastal Command, and they had lost 3,000 lives in the hard unrelenting struggle.

The brilliant fight which they were celebrating warmed the cockles of the British heart in a dark old Winter.

It would be a comfort and encouragement to the flotillas, the Grand Fleet, the minesweepers and all warships and auxiliaries whose number was now about 1,700 and rapidly rising, that London should show its approval of the way the Navy was carrying on and going to carry on, "until not only the cargoes by which we live but the high purposes we have in hand are all brought safely into port."

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The Admiralty and the Fleet were learning together the special conditions of this hard and novel war, although mistakes and accidents would occur and sorrow fall from time to time upon us.

To the glorious action of the River Plate there was recently added an epilogue, namely last week's rescue, under the noses of the enemy and amid the tangles of a one-sided neutrality, of British captives by H.M.S. Coesack, proving that the long arm

WHO RULES THE SEAS?

London, To-day.

The Cairo newspaper "El Mokattam," in a leader headed "Who rules the Seas?" emphasises the fact that whoever does this is sure to win the war, and proves that Britain still rules and is assured of victory.

The article points out the insignificance of the German naval measures, and concludes with a reference to the German threat after the Altmark incident. "This does not worry the British as Germany has already done its worst and its ultimate fate is sealed."

Senator Mohamed Abdel Magid abd Bey, writing in the same paper, says England's policy never was hostile to the Moslems and recalls occasions of friendly co-operation in history.

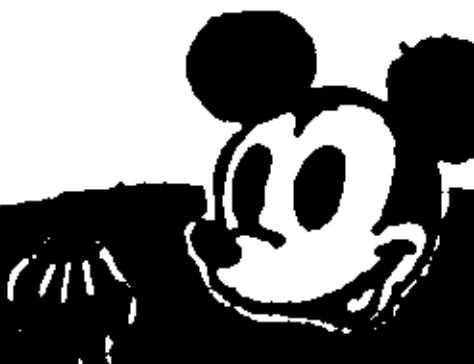
ONE-SIDED NEUTRALITY

The Argentine newspaper "Action" declares: "The British were justified owing to the Norwegian failure in their duty as a neutral. Neutrals can claim respect for territorial waters only when acts favouring one belligerent are not committed therein."

The entire press of Beyrouth shows strong sympathy and approval of the British action in the Altmark, which is described as brilliant navigation, full of courage and heroism and worthy of British naval traditions.


The "Annahar" in an editorial describes the episode as stigmatising Germany with piracy while establishing once again Britain's indisputable supremacy overseas. — Reuter.

of British sea power could be stretched out not only for our foes but also for our faithful friends. To Nelson's immortal signal "England expects every man to do his duty" might now be added "The Navy is here." — Reuter.




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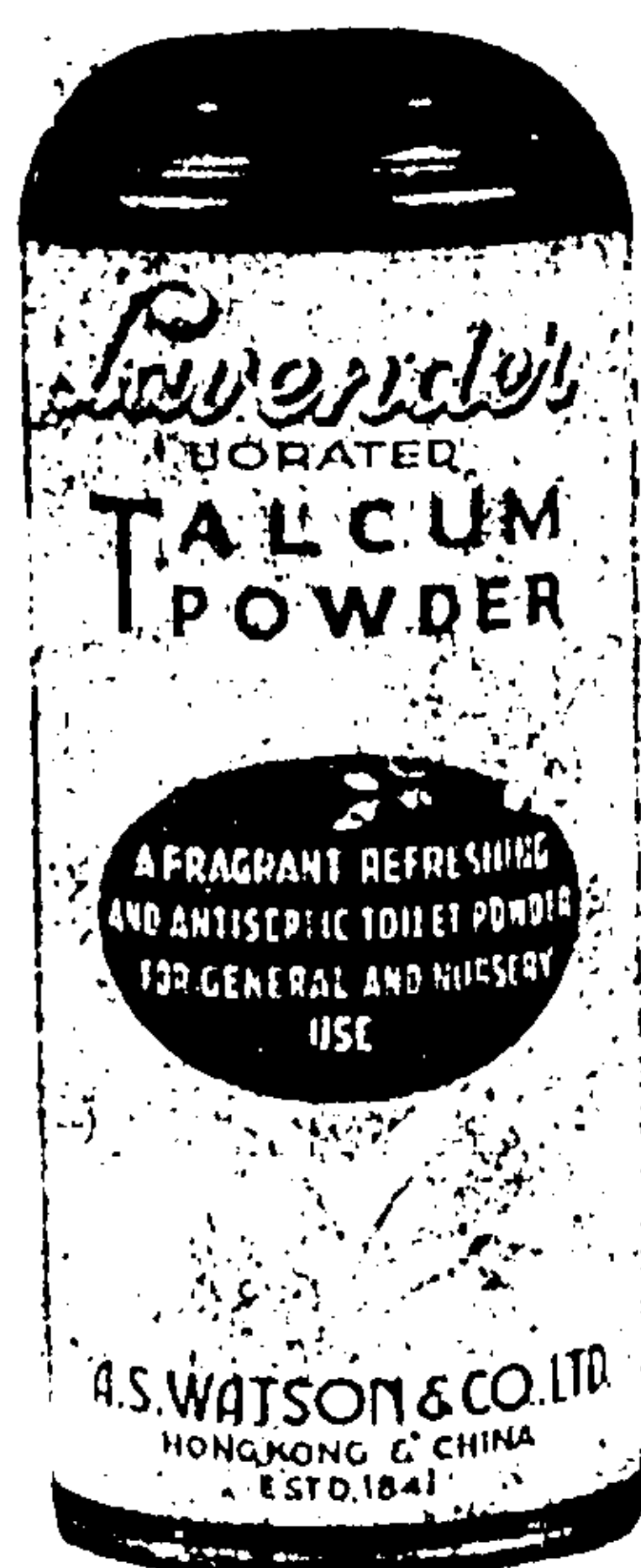


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RUSSIAN LOSSES ARE IMMENSE

By Leland Stowe, Our Special Correspondent
In Finland.

IN Finland, and for the first time in history, totalitarian aerial warfare is being waged against the entire civilian population of a nation. In Poland, the Nazi air raids registered new heights for concentrated horror. But in Finland something is going on that the demons of aerial warfare have never experimented with before. The Russian raiders have synchronised bombing attacks on civilians everywhere in Finland with wholesale warfare in every section of the country. To an unprecedented degree, the terror and nerve strain of indiscriminate aerial bombardment is being applied with diabolical method to an overwhelming majority of the nation's men, women and children. Whether in Central Finland, along the Bothnian coast, or in the heart of Lapland at a frontier junction like Ivalo, there is no escape. The Red bombers are in the initial stages of a systematic dynamiting of an entire people.

This is new and its possible influence upon the final outcome of the war is completely incalculable. Obviously, the Kremlin is trying to shatter the morale of the Finnish people to destroy their will to resist. The increased tempo of aerial frightfulness during the past week clearly foreshadows a steady heightening of "bombing pressure" upon every corner of the land. No other people has yet been required to endure this kind of totalitarian torture.

The pressure can be relieved if Finland gets hundreds of fighting planes very soon. If she does not get this indispensable weapon for civilian self-defence, what effect will a constantly increasing rhythm of Soviet air raids have upon the civilian morale? Is it possible that the Finns may ultimately be defeated behind their front lines before those lines have ever been broken? Will Moscow yet win its totalitarian war upon civilians?

It seems impossible to do much more than raise these significant questions. This is particularly true because the Finns are an exceptionally stoical people—so much so that most of them seem to have been born without nerves. It is extremely difficult for a foreigner to estimate just how deeply the repercussions of the unrelaxed nerve strain may go among Finnish civilians to date.

Nevertheless, the war on civilians has become cruel in the extreme. In this Far Northern winter what militarists call "the effectiveness" of aerial bombings is doubled or tripled. In any number of towns almost all window panes have been blown out of the houses, as is reported in the case of Rovaniemi. In that town, the temperature now fluctuates from ten to thirty-five below zero Centigrade, and without window panes dwellings automatically become uninhabitable or traps for pneumonia.

This is the kind of torture and slow death which the invention of the airplane has now brought to Finland's unhappy people. Nowhere within their own borders can they be safe against it, since the Reds can bomb any corner of the land with ease and nineteen-twentieths of it with complete immunity. Unless the Finns obtain squadrons of fighting planes before long, the strain upon the Finnish civilian morale will become greater than any people has ever known. In such cases one wonders how long human nerves may endure without cracking, and yet the Finns' powers of resistance remain unbelievable so far.

This, therefore, is not written in any defeatist sense whatever. Rather, it is my intention to point out one of the crucial intangibles and unpredictables of the Russo-Finnish war. It seems peculiarly important that world opinion should appreciate the unprecedented severity of the

tests of civilian staying power that are being inflicted upon the Finnish people. If they can maintain an unbroken spirit through the next three months they will have put a new meaning upon human grandeur.

I cannot end this without one more word, I have lived with the Finnish people for the first two months of the war. During this time, I have never heard one Finn utter a word of complaint. To me this remains the almost incomprehensible. Yet it is a fact. This, I think, is something of which the Finnish people have a right to be eternally proud. It is this, too, which makes one wonder whether somehow or other they may yet do what no other people has ever done.

But there is another point which seems to me important. The Russian losses, it is known, are immense. But what of the Finnish casualties?

One of the major mysteries of the Russo-Finnish war concerns the number of the Finnish army losses in dead and wounded since the hostilities began. The Finnish communiques always give approximations of the Soviet casualties, but never mention their own, and the correspondents who visit war zones are never permitted to see any battlefield until all Finnish corpses have been removed.

In these circumstances only the Finnish High Command possesses precise figures of the Finnish losses, and it seems very probable that those will not be made public, if ever, until after the war. In view of Finland's limited manpower, this secrecy is perfectly understandable, for even the men who require several months in hospital before they are fit for active service again represent a noticeable drain upon Finland's fighting strength.

Fortunately for the Finns, there are strong reasons for the belief that the Finnish losses in dead and seriously wounded have been remarkably low up to date. One foreign observer estimates that the Finns have lost less than six thousand men in these two categories during the first five weeks of the war. Others believe it possible that the Finnish total (again of dead and gravely injured) may not have exceeded ten thousand when the conflict entered its third month—this of course is a guess, but a measured guess.

In any case, the Russian casualties have been simply enormous in contrast with those of the Finns. It seems safe to say that the Soviets have lost more than eighty thousand men, either killed in battle or dead from exposure. Their wounded and disabled must bring the Reds' total of casualties well above one hundred and fifty thousand—some say as many as two hundred thousand—something, which represents in any case a staggering ratio in proportion to the number of their men actually engaged in active combat.

When the facts of this nature can become definitely established, the cost in terms of manpower to the Soviet army, during the first two months of warfare, is likely to startle military experts. By the same token, the economy in the lives lost by the Finns, while winning a series of brilliant victories under extremely heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, is certain greatly to impress military authorities everywhere. Whether the Finns lose or win the war, they have already written a military history which has rarely been equalled. But only their high army officers will be qualified to tell the whole story some day in the future.

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TORPEDOES THAT STOPPED A GAME OF CHESS

OFFICER TELLS HOW TROOP LINER SANK

London, Jan. 31.

HERE, IN SIMPLE, dramatic detail is the story of how a U-boat 200 miles out in the Atlantic in October torpedoed and sank the Bibby liner Yorkshire with invalids of the R.A.M.C. aboard.

The story is told by a young officer in the British Army, a nephew of Lady Diana Cooper, in a letter to a friend which the United States magazine "Time" publishes:

Most of us on board were invalids or personnel of the R.A.M.C., returning home from the East. We had on board a magnificent variety of interesting diseases. I was "The Rheumatism."

At lunch I played a game of chess with the ship's doctor, an old Scotsman of about 70. I leant forward to take a piece, but my hand never reached it, for there was a sudden crash and the chessmen went flying across the deck.

We had been torpedoed. The impossible had happened.

I found myself on my feet for the first time in eight weeks, and they gave way beneath me. I felt flat on my face.

My lifebelt was under my chair, and I put it on from ground level. As I did so I looked back over my shoulder and saw a great red sheet of flame with smoky edges hanging in the sky above our stern.

I once more struggled to my feet, just in time to be thrown over by the second torpedo, which hit us amidships.

The boards covering No. 3 hatch had been blown off by the force of the explosion and there was a deep yawning hole. Hanging by one hand to the corner of a tarpaulin and swinging over this abyss, with kicking legs, was a little girl.

She and two others had been playing on top of the hatch. The other two had been killed. I saw a soldier pull her to safety.

At last our boat came down. Suddenly the sea seemed to gather itself

together and come aboard us in a rush; a great, green smooth-backed wave surged over the side.

TRAPPED BETWEEN DECKS

Those standing around the boats were either swept overboard or trapped between the two decks. Those of us who were still on our feet struggled up the companionway and down on to the port deck.

I staggered to the side on watery legs, straddled the taffrail and looked down. There was a boat in the water and several ropes leading down into it.

These were the life-liners and were fastened above to the boat deck. Halfway down one of these ropes was a woman clinging to it like a monkey to a stick.

The woman got off the rope, and I slid down it. It must have been a 12ft. drop, and the lifeboat was jumping to the swell. And then, in a desperate voice, somebody shouted, "Cast off, for God's sake, she's going."

Before the stern falls could be cut or cast off the Yorkshire reared her bows into the air and slid backwards to the bottom. And we were still tied to her.

I remember being pinned There was a roar of rushing water which almost obliterated the screaming.

I did not go deep; it never became

dark, but was always frothy. Hard things swept by me. I groped upwards with my hands and kicked with my feet.....

CONVOY HAD TO GO

The first thing that struck me was that the sun was shining, and that the great ship had completely disappeared. I came up within a foot of a life-raft and caught hold of it.

There were two other rafts, each with two men on them, quite close, otherwise we could see nothing except the other ships of the convoy making off as hard as they could.

It was only then that I remembered they were forbidden to pick us up.

Then a lifeboat appeared We were towed about for two hours. At length we were joined by four other lifeboats. We were taken aboard a comparatively empty boat.

THEN—A LIGHT

It soon got dark, and our optimism waned with the light. The sea looked as cruel as death.

And then we saw a light — only a pinpoint. We lit some flares

And then I saw that there were two lights It was a ship, and coming towards us.

She was an American freighter, the Independence Hall, and I have never heard anything so sweet as the sound of those American voices as the crew leant over the side and hailed us.

She had 80 beds in the hold. There were over 300 of us in that hold, for the crew of another torpedoed ship, the City of Mandalay had already been picked up.

GERMANY HAS SPECIAL RADIO JAMMING STATION

Germany has a special radio station for jamming foreign broadcasts.

The announcer from Deutschlandsender made the admission when he read from a list of gifts to the troops: "Two hundred marks from the jamming station at Stralsund."

This is the first time that any country has admitted that it keeps a station specially for jamming.

GERMANS TELL OF ENGLISH 'RAIL CRASH'

The Germans, who have had nine smashes on their railways with the loss of 400 lives since the war began, organised a fictitious smash in England.

B.B.C. linguists listening-in to the German news broadcasts in Hungarian and Rumanian heard the German announcer give details of an English rail disaster.

The German announcer saying it had shocked England, quoted extracts from an imaginary B.B.C. bulletin to prove it.

The B.B.C. denied that they had broadcast such a bulletin.

B. E. F. RAID ON GERMANS

British troops have raided German trenches. A British patrol, out in No Man's Land, beyond the Maginot Line, entered enemy outpost trenches.

They found that some of the trenches were deserted. Gunfire was spasmodic during the British raid, but the only injury suffered by the British patrol was a sprained ankle caused when a member of the patrol stumbled into an anti-tank trap.

DISGUISED GERMAN SHIPS SPY ON R.A.F. PATROLS

German naval vessels, some of them disguised, are lurking off the Heligoland Bight watching for the bomber-fighters of the R.A.F. whose mission it is to harry the German nests of mine-laying seaplanes.

This is Germany's answer to the R.A.F. security patrols.

The vessels are signal-stations, to flash to the coast instant warning of an R.A.F. approach.

Because of the disguises they are a problem to the R.A.F., who must take on risk of mistaking a neutral fishing boat for one of them.

Bomber-fighters have attacked some of these craft, but never without the certainty that they were naval vessels, acting as watchers for the German coastal command.

When in doubt, pilots have always spared them.

Though the problem remains, it is not an insoluble one. The R.A.F. will find the answer before long.

"KIPPER KITES"

The Air Ministry does not regard the security patrol as in itself a cure for mine-laying from the air, but as only one of a number of possible measures for curing it.

Nevertheless, a very marked reduction in the intensity of the Germans' use of this weapon has coincided with the use of the patrols.

They have been carried out without loss.

The R.A.F. is now watching with increased vigilance over the herring fleets, following repeated German attacks upon them.

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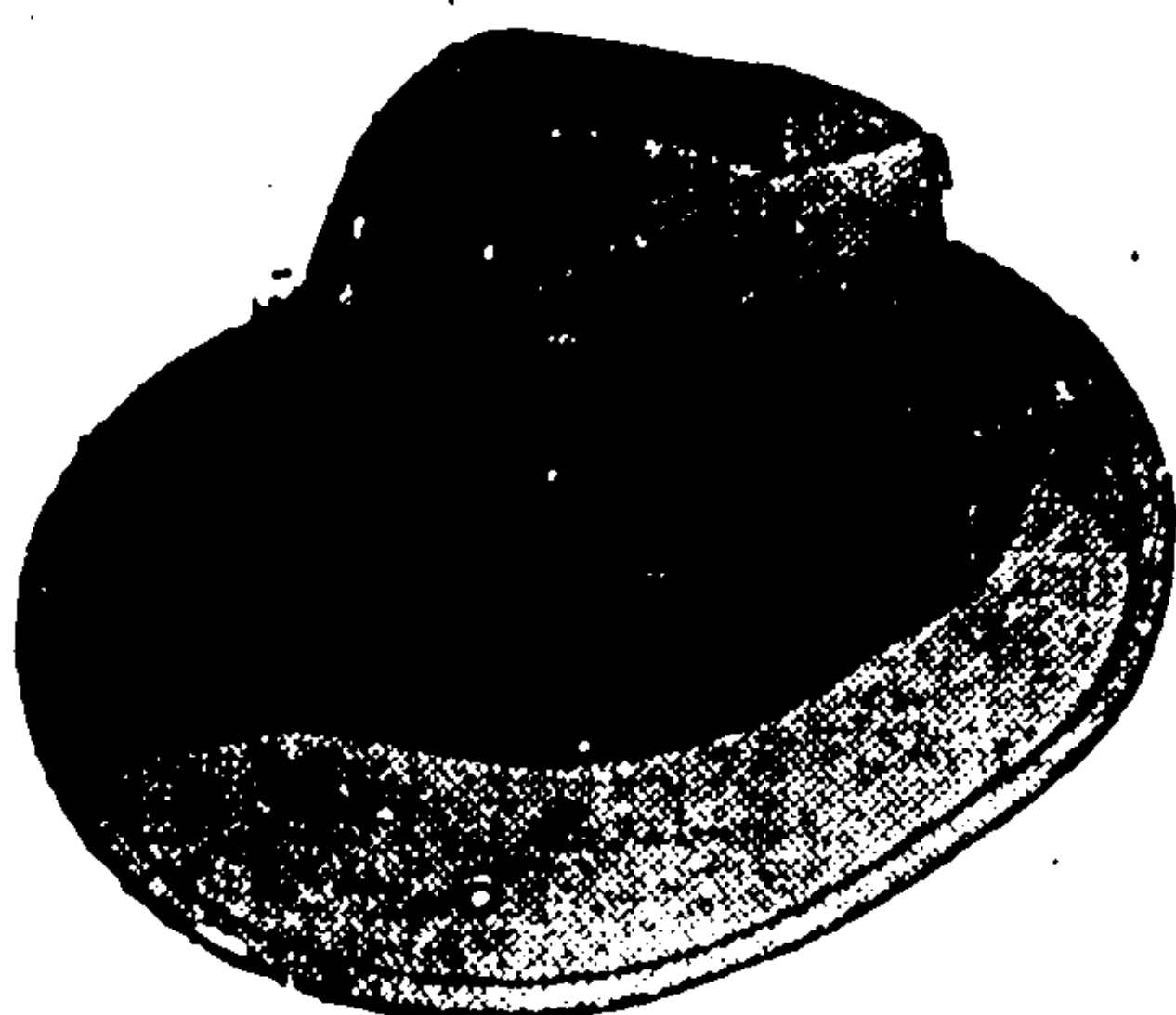
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IRRITATION AND BOREDOM OF AIR RAIDS IN HELSINKI

If you happen to be lunching in a certain building in Helsinki when the air-raid sirens ring, you can climb up on the roof and watch the city crawl into its shell. Between the jumble of ice-covered roofs you see the people running for cover, the snow trucks pulling up by the roadside, and the police officers taking their positions on the street corners. Soon there is a silence so ominous that you can hear a door bang many blocks away.

Occasionally you see the grey flash of bombers against the sky, but usually the planes fly so high that you can hear only the drone of engines. You can count the dull thud of bombs falling as far away as ten or fifteen miles, then suddenly the air is shattered by a melange of machine-guns, pom-pom guns, and coastal batteries all firing at once, and you know the bombers are over the city.

Air raid alarms have become so numerous that the policemen on the street corners occasionally break the monotony by starting a snowball fight. People in the restaurants shake their heads in irritation, pick up their soup plates, and hurry out of the hotel to finish their luncheon in the shelters in the park. You hear the telephone operators cutting off the calls with the outside world in bored voices. "Sorry, Copenhagen, we are having another air raid"; and you see the desk clerk shaking his head in angry annoyance.

The desk clerk told me in a burst of confidence that he had had a dream in which 500 brand new Finnish fighters had dived through the clouds and driven all the Russian planes away. "Of course, it was only a dream," he added morosely, "but it was very beautiful."

FALSE ALARM

The trip into Finland is a dramatic experience in itself. A Finnish aeroplane leaves Stockholm in the afternoon and lands at Turku, one of the most heavily bombed ports in Finland. The wireless operator is in constant touch with the aerodrome; often the plane is several hours late in starting, and occasionally is forced to turn back to Sweden half-way across the Gulf of Bothnia. Our plane carried no lights, and when it neared the airport signalled with a flare; suddenly there was a circle of lights far below glowing like candles around a birthday cake.

The train trip to Helsinki normally takes three hours, but since the railroad passes through a bombarded area the length of journey is now uncertain. I found myself in a compartment with a German emigre, two Finnish soldiers, and a Swedish woman who kept asking the conductor nervously what time we were due to arrive. The conductor was a large man with a melancholy voice. His reply was always the same, but dispatched with an air of profound wisdom: "One can never tell."

I soon found out what he meant, for shortly after midnight there was a screeching of brakes, the train came

to a jarring stop, and the conductor shouted to everyone to clear off the train and take cover in the woods. We climbed down the embankment in snow several feet deep only to have him shout a few minutes later that it was all a mistake, the planes were not coming after all, and now we could climb back again. We arrived in Helsinki at two in the morning without further incident.

Helsinki, with its normal population of 300,000 reduced to less than a tenth, presents an air of desolation; all the shops are boarded up, only a handful of restaurants are open, and scarcely a dozen cars are on the streets. The life of the city revolves around the hotels, which the Moscow wireless has recently threatened to raze to the ground in order to eliminate "the lying journalists of the capitalist Press."

The lobby of the hotel is crowded with a conglomeration of soldiers,

By
**VIRGINIA
COWLES**

journalists, photographers, politicians and women Territorials, and the dining-room is filled with groups relating their experiences over endless cups of coffee.

A RUSSIAN PRISONER

An American photographer just back from the north told me that when the Finns had brought in a Russian prisoner after one of the battles, he had asked the guard to bring the man into a barn so that he could photograph him. When the Russian walked into the shed and the light of the camera flashed, he crumpled to the ground in a heap. A few seconds later he rose slowly rubbing himself, with a bewildered expression on his face. He thought he had been taken into the barn to be shot; when he was convinced he was still intact he ran up to the photographer, clasped his hands, and thanked him over and over again.

The only mode of transportation available in Helsinki is a one-horse sleigh, in which you can take a drive around the city for the price of one shilling. The driver is a huge Finn with a dropping moustache and a large medal pinned on his coat which he won against the Russians in 1918. I took a drive around the city at night; the onion domes of the old Greek Orthodox church glittered in the moonlight like diamonds. Then we drove through the bombarded section, where the charred remains of houses lying beneath a sheet of ice presented a gruesome contrast. Perhaps the most eerie sight, however, was the abandoned Russian Legation. The windows had been shattered by

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Bringing Up Father

By George McManus





The King and Queen receiving Officers of Units which they inspected during a visit to a Military Camp in the South of England. (Copyright, Fox).

RHODESIA TAKES TO AIR

NAIROBI, TO-DAY. SOUTHERN RHODESIA IS TO HAVE A DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR AIR, IT IS ANNOUNCED. IT WILL BE UNDER THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, DEFENCE AND AIR. It is also announced that 1939 was a record year for mining in Southern Rhodesia. The value of all minerals mined was over £8,000,000, of which gold accounts for £6,000,000.

These figures are the highest yet recorded, and represent steady increases in the past seven years. — Reuter.

SIX MORE QUAKE SHOCKS: OVER 130 DEAD

Ankara, To-day. The earthquake which rocked four Turkish villages on Thursday has been followed by six more shocks.

The death toll is now 136. At the time of the major quake a few weeks ago, it was stated that minor shocks might be expected for several months to come. — Reuter.

NORWAY'S TRADE AGREEMENTS

Oslo, To-day. It is officially announced that an agreement has been reached to regulate trade between Norway and Britain and to modify the British contraband control on supplies for Norway.

A trade agreement has also been reached with Germany. — Reuter.

NAZI SHIP RUNS FOR IT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rio de Janeiro, To-day. The German passenger and cargo ship Antonio has left Bahia bound for Vladivostok.

The captain declared that he was prepared to scuttle his ship should he be sighted by Allied warships. — Havas.

IRRITATION AND BOREDOM OF AIR RAIDS IN HELSINKI

(Continued from Page 10) a bomb and the white curtains blew forlornly into the night air like a hundred ghostly arms waving in the darkness.

When the driver brought us back to the hotel he said he would like to tell us a joke. "What animal," he asked, "most resembles a human being?"

When we gave up he triumphantly replied, "The Russian." He cracked his whip and was off, but we could hear his laughter all the way down the street.

SOVIET BLACK SEA FLEET MANOEUVRES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day. The Soviet Black Sea Fleet has returned to its base upon conclusion of large-scale manoeuvres which the Soviet Naval Command declared were "completely satisfactory," reports from Sebastopol stated.

Sebastopol is a modern Soviet naval base. — Havas.

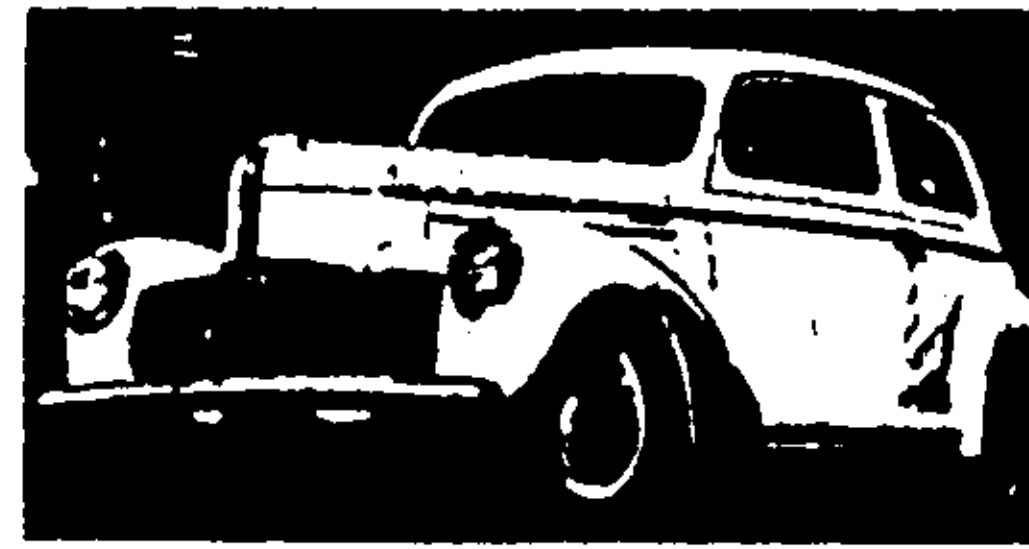
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	SATURDAY	
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Parcels only for Tientsin		Feb. 24, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 17th March.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Feb. 24, 4.00 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 3rd March.	Reg.,	Feb. 24, 5.00 p.m.
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Haiphong		Feb. 24, 5.30 p.m.
Saigon		Feb. 24, 5.30 p.m.
	SUNDAY	
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan		Feb. 25, 9.00 a.m.
Shanghai (Parcels only)		Feb. 25, 9.00 a.m.
	MONDAY	
Canton		Feb. 26, 7.15 a.m.
Bangkok		Feb. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong		Feb. 26, 1.00 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Hoihow		Feb. 26, 1.30 p.m.
Canton		Feb. 26, 7.00 p.m.
	TUESDAY	
Saigon, Sandakan, Madang, Salamaua and Tulagi		Feb. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Batavia and Sourabaya		Feb. 27, 9.30 a.m.
	Parcels,	Feb. 27, 11.00 a.m.
	Ord.,	Feb. 27, Noon.
Straits and Calcutta		Feb. 27, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy		Feb. 27, 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Naples—due Naples, 24th March.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Feb. 27, 2.45 p.m.
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	Ord.,	Feb. 27, 5.30 p.m.
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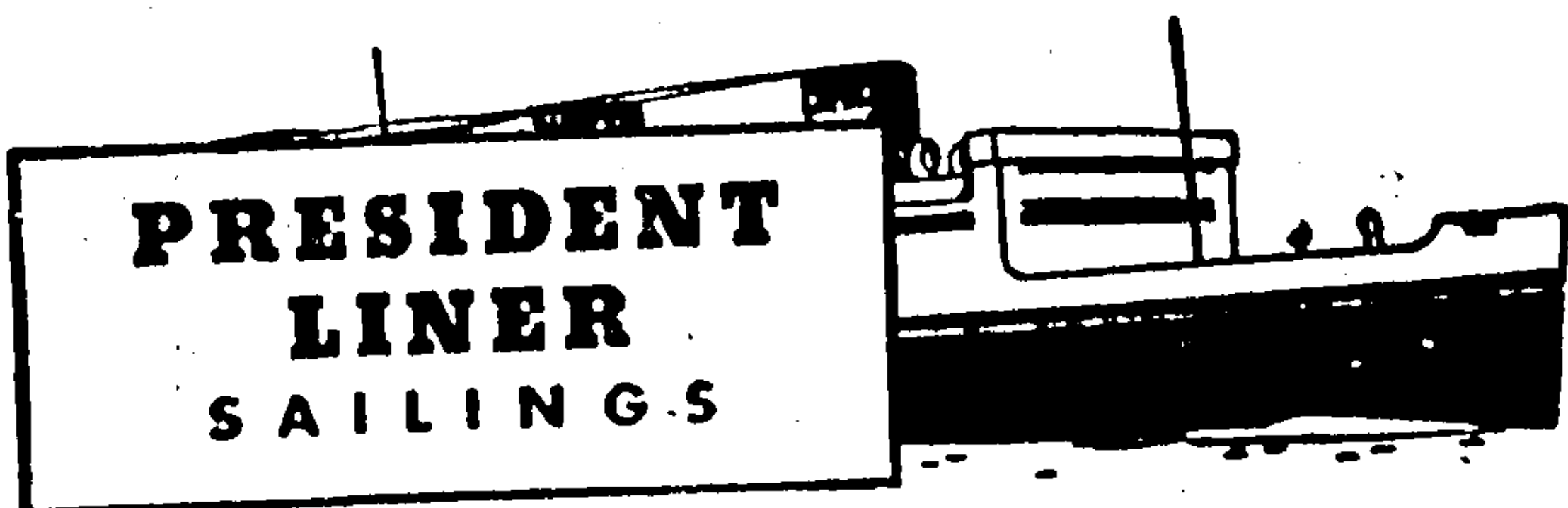
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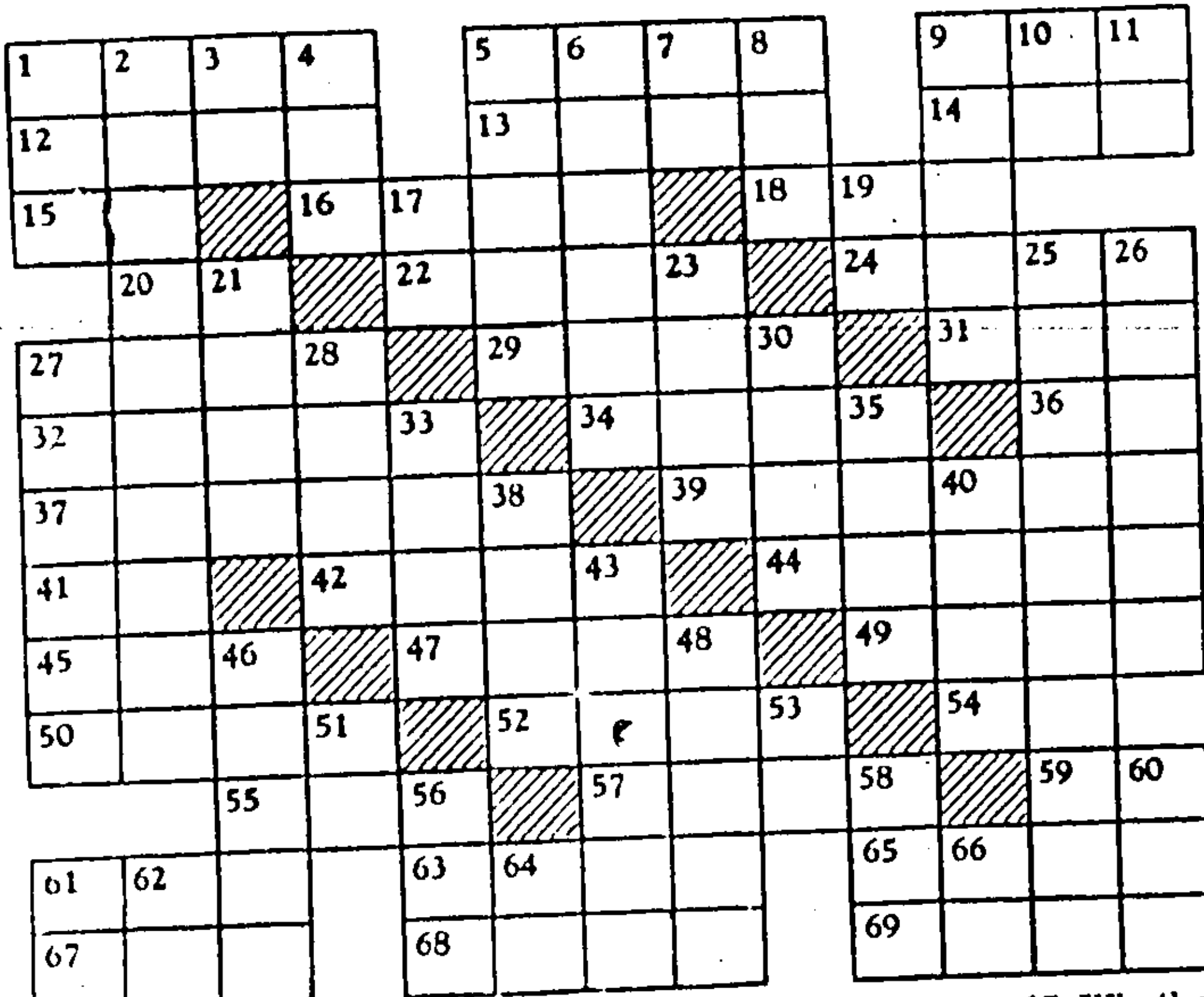
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- 34 To rip
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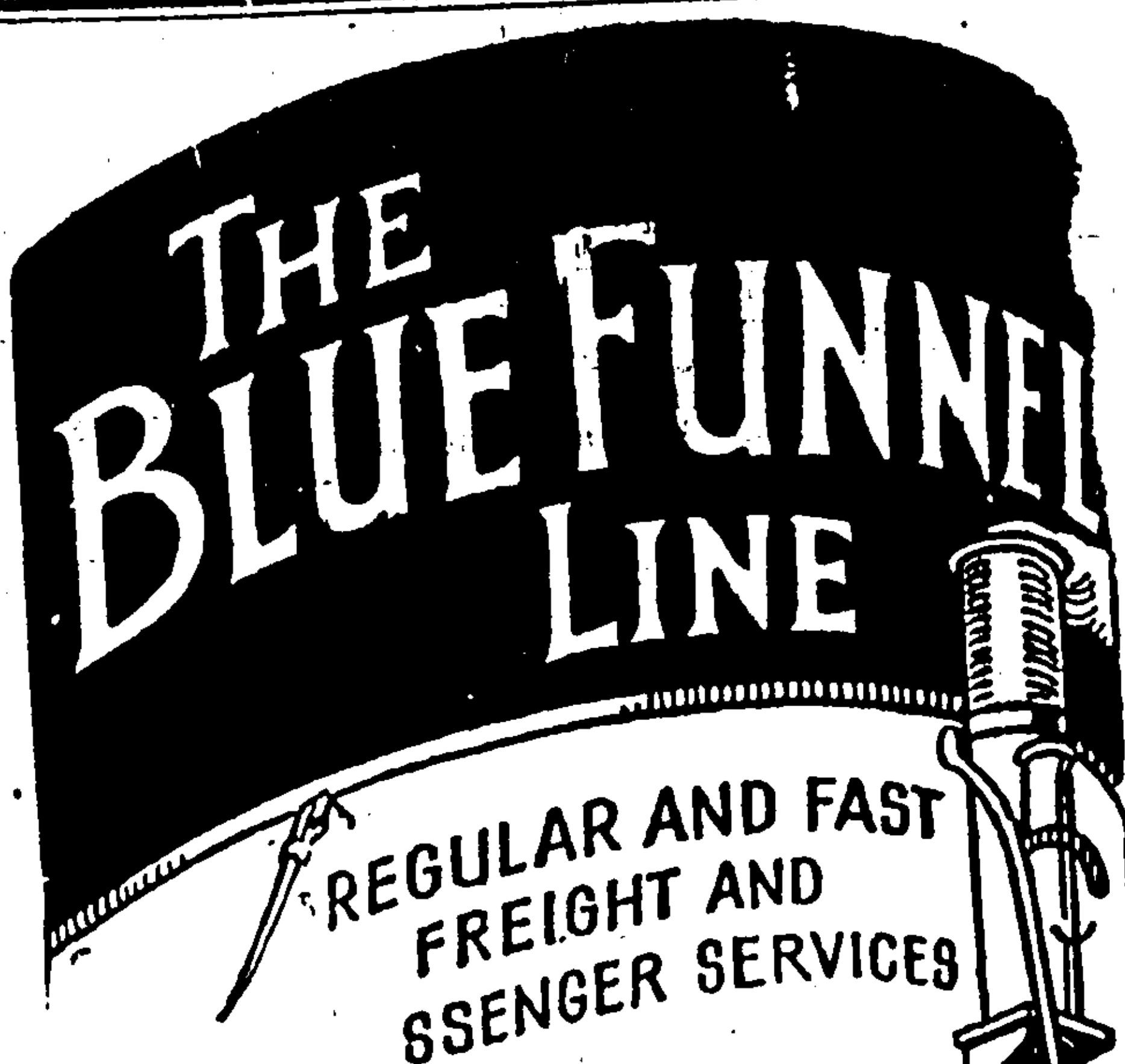
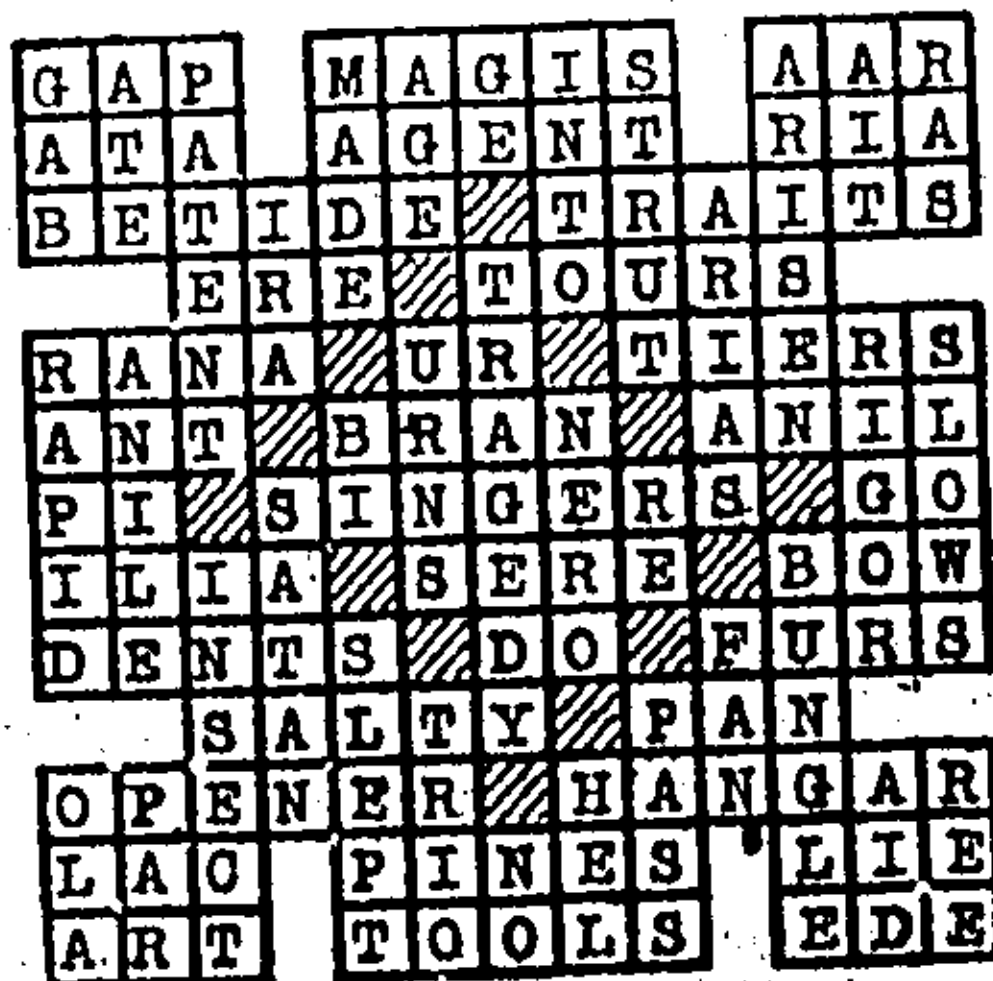
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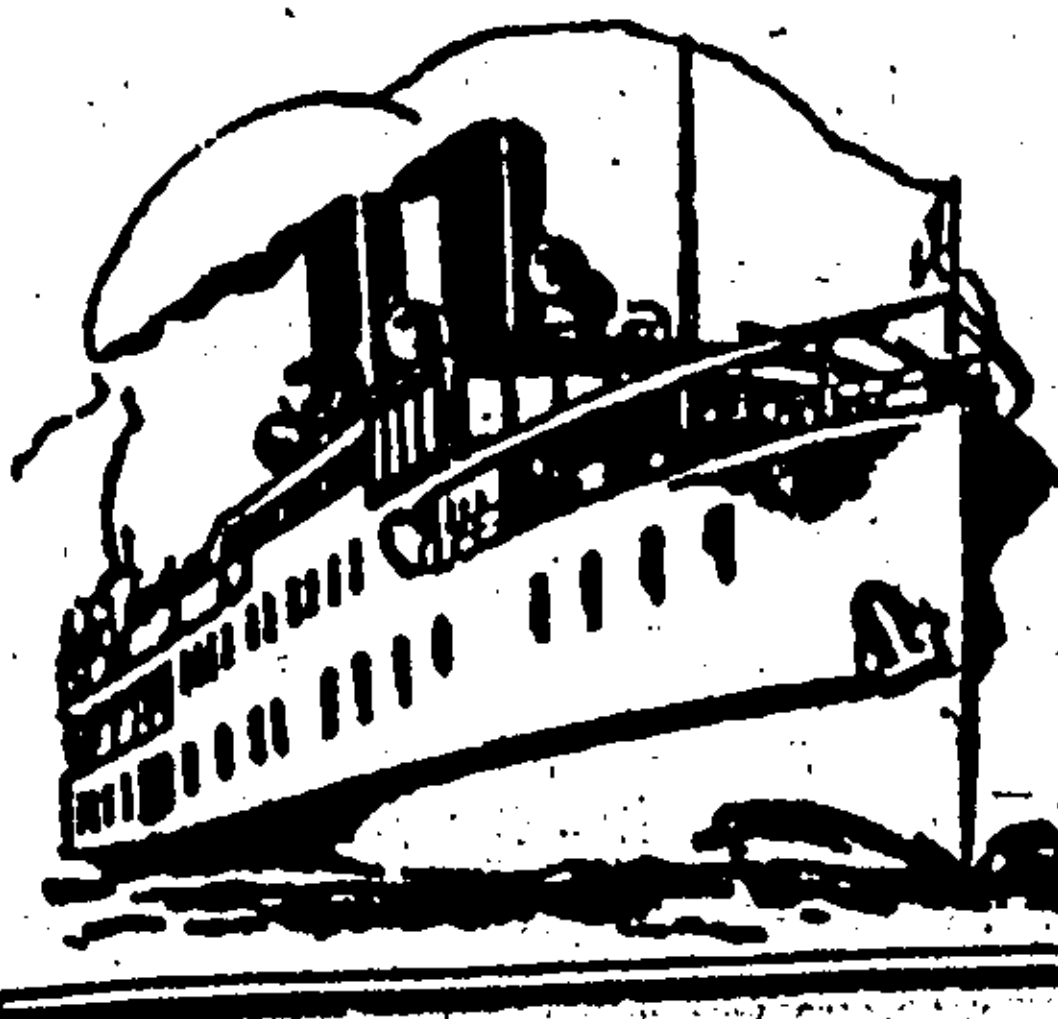
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Friday, 23rd February, 1940.

ORDERLY MEDICAL OFFICER

Friday, 1st March. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Lt. G. T. Balcan.

QUALIFICATIONS

The following members of 3rd Battery passed a test held at Wellington Barracks on Friday 2nd February in H.C.D. lamps and Crossley Engines:— Bdr. V. Bonch.

PARADES

Corps Artillery 2ND BATTERY

Sunday, 25th February. Kowloon City Range. 11.45 a.m. A.A.L.M.G. Details. Tables D & E. Uniform—Trousers, jacket, S. D. cap, boots and web belt.

Monday, 26th February. H. Q. 5.45 p.m. Manning at Bluff Head. Gun Detachments, R. & L. Sections. Nos. as detailed by Detachment Commanders, all D.E.L. personnel, all Officers and B. C. Staff, 2 D.R.F. Detachments and 2 telephonists. Returning 10 p.m. Uniform—Trousers, jacket, S. D. cap, boots and belt. Water bottle and haversack. Greatcoats to be carried.

Tuesday, 27th February. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. Right Section, No. 2 Gun. Gun and Battery drill.

Wednesday, 28th February. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. Left Section, No. 1 Gun. Gun and Battery drill.

Wednesday, 28th February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed by Battery Gas Instructors. Respirator drill and Gas Chamber.

Thursday, 29th February. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. Right Section, No. 1 Gun. Gun and Battery drill.

Friday, 1st March. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. Left Section, No. 2 Gun. Gun and Battery drill.

D.R.F. DETACHMENT

Each night as already detailed.

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Overalls and S. D. caps for the above parades except where otherwise detailed.

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4TH BATTERY

Tuesday, 27th February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Uniform and equipment inspection. All ranks must attend. Dress—S. D. cap, khaki tunic and trousers, web belt, pouches, haversack, water-bottle and boots. Any member short of uniform or equipment report to B.Q.M.S. Delgado.

Wednesday, 28th February. D.E.L. School. 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. personnel as detailed.

Monday, 4th March. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. All ranks must attend to draw gas masks.

Wednesday, 6th March. H. Q. 4.00 p.m. For camp. Details later.

FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS

Monday, 26th February. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Squad drill.

Thursday, 29th February. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Technical training by sections.

CORPS SIGNALS

Sunday, 25th February. Kowloon City B Range. 8.30 p.m. Rifle Course.

Monday, 26th March. H. Q. (Lecture Room). 5.15 p.m. Signal training and grading tests. All rifles must be returned to Stores.

Friday, 1st March. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. Signal training.

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Sunday, 25th February. Kowloon City Range. 8.30 a.m. Tables A and B. All personnel.

Monday, 26th February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. A Class, L. G. training.

Friday, 1st March. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. A Class, L. G. training.

MOTOR MACHINE GUN PLATOON

Monday, 26th Feb. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. A, B and C Classes. Revolver exercises. N.C.O.'s. will fire revolver course.

Friday, 1st March. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Class. Instruments.

Personnel of the M.M.G. Platoon desirous of participating in range practice on Sunday 25th at Kowloon City Range are permitted to do so.

NO. 1 COMPANY

Sunday, 25th February. Stonecutters. Part II A.M.G.C. All those who have not already fired. Launch leaves Queen's Pier 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Pier 8.40 a.m. Dress—Muffi but equipment must be worn when firing. Range Officer—Lt. L. B. Holmes.

Tuesday, 27th February. (i) No. 7 Squad. H. Q. for Kennedy Road. 5.15 p.m. (ii) Remainder. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. as Company programme.

Friday, 1st March. H. Q. 5.40 p.m. as Company programme.

NO. 2 COMPANY

Thursday, 29th February. (i) Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. (ii) No. 6 Platoon. Kowloon Dock. 5.30 p.m. M. G. and L. G. instructions.

NO. 3 COMPANY

Monday, 26th February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Training as in Company training programme.

Thursday, 29th February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Training as in Company training programme.

Thursday, 29th February. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. for Kennedy Road Range. No. 10 Platoon.

Sunday, 3rd March. Stonecutters. Rifle Table B. Those detailed. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. calling at Kowloon at 8.40 a.m. Dress optional but web equipment will be worn while firing.

NO. 4 COMPANY

Wednesday, 28th February. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. Those detailed for musketry at Kennedy Road.

Friday, 1st March. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. L. G. instruction. Lesson No. 9. Repeat Elementary handling, L. G.

NO. 5 COMPANY

Tuesday, 27th February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Foot and arms drill. All box respirators, rifles and bayonets are to be returned to Corps Stores forthwith.

Sunday, 3rd March. Company meeting with No. 6 Coy.

NO. 6 COMPANY

Tuesday, 27th February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. L. G. instruction (continued).

Sunday, 3rd March. Company meeting with No. 5 Coy.

NO. 7 COMPANY

Monday, 26th February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. L. G. training. Stoppages.

Thursday, 29th February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. L. G. training. Stoppages.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Tuesday, 27th February. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. N.C.O.'s. drill. 4.45 p.m. Officers & N.C.O.'s. Lecture.

Thursday, 29th February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Drill. Dress—Overalls and S. D. caps.

FIELD AMBULANCE

Wednesday, 28th February. Murray Parade Ground. 5.30 p.m.

Friday, 1st Mar. St. Paul's College. 5.30 p.m. Lecture.

PAY SECTION

As detailed.

CORPS ORDERS—AMENDMENT

Corps Orders No. 19/40 of the 16.2.40.

Para. 5. Leave. Period of leave granted to Captain J. R. Way should be "17.2.40—17.10.40."

Para. 8. Corps Orders—Amendment. For "D.R.112" to read "D.R. 114."

CORPS DIARY AMENDMENTS

The following amendment is made to Corps Diary 1939-40:—

Page 11. Delete "10th Sunday. Stonecutters-Rifle Tables A and B—Corps Sigs. & Armd. C. Pl."

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTION

3793, Gnr. W. A. Tansley, 5th A. A. Bty. L/Bdr. 16.2.40.

1899, L/Bdr. F. J. Anslow, 1st Bty. Bdr. 20.2.40.

TRANSFERS

3706, Sgmn. G. L. Andrew, Corps Sigs. Unit Res. 15.1.40.

2990, Pte. R. B. Quinlan, No. 2 Coy. M. M. G. Pl. 16.2.40.

2679, Gnr. J. A. L. Pearson, 2nd Bty. Res. 2nd Bty. 23.2.40.

3545, Pte. F. Hall, No. 1 Coy. A. S. C. Coy., Supply Sec. 23.2.40.

1641, Pte. R. H. Griffiths, No. 1 Coy. 2nd Bty. 23.2.40.

LEAVE

3816, Gnr. L. de C. Blechynden, 1st Bty. 1.11.39.—1.3.40.

3706, Sgmn. G. L. Andrew, Corps Sigs. 15.1.40.—14.7.40.

DR73, Pte. L. A. Lewis, A. S. C. Coy. 12.2.40.—11.5.40.

DR41, Pte. J. E. Maher, A. S. C. Coy. 16.2.40.—15.3.40.

Capt. F. J. W. Focken, Corps H. Q. 22.2.40.—10.3.40.

3687, Gnr. G. Riddell-Carre, 2nd Bty. 22.2.40.—21.10.40.

2778, F/C. S. Grove, Air Arm. 23.2.40.—15.3.40.

Major, S. Jarvis, Port. Co., H. Q. 22.2.40.—21.8.40.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

2592, Bdr. R. Rocha, 4th Bty. 8.11.39.

2121, L/Bdr. B. A. Mansell, 2nd Bty. Res. 11.1.40.

3847, Pte. J. C. Lang, A. S. C. Coy. 22.1.40.

3485, Gnr. R. Brown, 1st Bty. 8.2.40.

2946, Bdr. E. L. Taverner, 5th A. A. Bty. 5.2.40.

3862, Pte. V. P. Schelkunoff, M. M. G. Pl. 16.2.40.

2863, Bdr. M. S. Banner 5th A. A. Bty. 5.2.40.

3408, Gnr. F. W. Moon, 2nd Bty. 5.2.40.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

4295, Gnr. C. K. Tsang, 4th Bty. 15.1.40.

4296, Gnr. P. K. Tse, 4th Bty. 22.1.40.

4297, Gnr. H. I. Chung, 5th A. A. Bty. 2.2.40.

4298, Gnr. W. S. Ha, 5th A. A. Bty. 2.2.40.

4299, Gnr. S. Lay, 5th A. A. Bty. 2.2.40.

4300, Gnr. C. C. Sum, 5th A. A. Bty. 4.2.40.

4301, Gnr. Z. Kossakowski, 1st Bty. 12.2.40.

4302, Gnr. F. W. Chandler, 2nd Bty. 4303, Gnr. J. Wan, 4th Bty. 14.2.40.

E. N. THURSBY
Captain,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICE
Officers' Mess Meeting
The Annual Mess Meeting will take place at 6.00 p.m. for 6.15 p.m. on Friday, 15th March in the Mess. All Officers are requested to attend.

AFFILIATED UNIT
Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.
RESIGNATION
Mrs. E. M. Begg relinquishes her

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 21st March 1940 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March 1940 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P & O Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:—

That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July 1940 in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.
2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

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Paris, To-day.

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appointment as Commandant, Nursing Detachment w.e.f. 20.2.40.

APPOINTMENT

Mrs. I. M. S. Braude is appointed Commandant, Nursing Detachment w.e.f. 21.2.40.

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Men's Senior Singles.—H. B. Teoh v P. S. Bun (At University); W. T. Ho v H. Eardley (King's College, 8 p.m.); K. L. Yong v H. M. Lau (King's College, 8.45 p.m.); S. C. Chung v H. F. Chew (King's College, 9.30 p.m.).

Men's Junior Singles.—N. L. Smith v P. Lo (Talkoo, 8 p.m.); K. L. Lui v A. Ho (Talkoo, 8.45 p.m.); J. L. Anderson v W. Gilles (Talkoo, 9.30 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Men's Doubles Championship.—J. J. Remedios and L. A. Carvalho v H. Eardley and N. L. Smith (King's College, 8 p.m.); C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin v F. H. and D. Kwok (King's College, 8.45 p.m.); R. Marques and H. F. Gonsalves v H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung (K.C.C., 8.30 p.m.); C. Au and P. H. Wong v K. L. Lui v F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Talkoo, 8.30 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Mixed Doubles.—L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro v K. L. Yong and Miss U. Khoo (King's College, 8 p.m.).

Men's Senior Singles.—C. K. Cheah v P. H. Wong (King's College, 7.45 p.m.); C. Au v D. Kwok (King's College, 9.15 p.m.).

Men's Junior Singles.—P. Wynter-Blyth v A. L. Fisher (Talkoo, 8 p.m.); J. L. Anderson v W. Gilles v F. Tsang (Talkoo, 8.45 p.m.).

ST. JOHN'S BEATEN

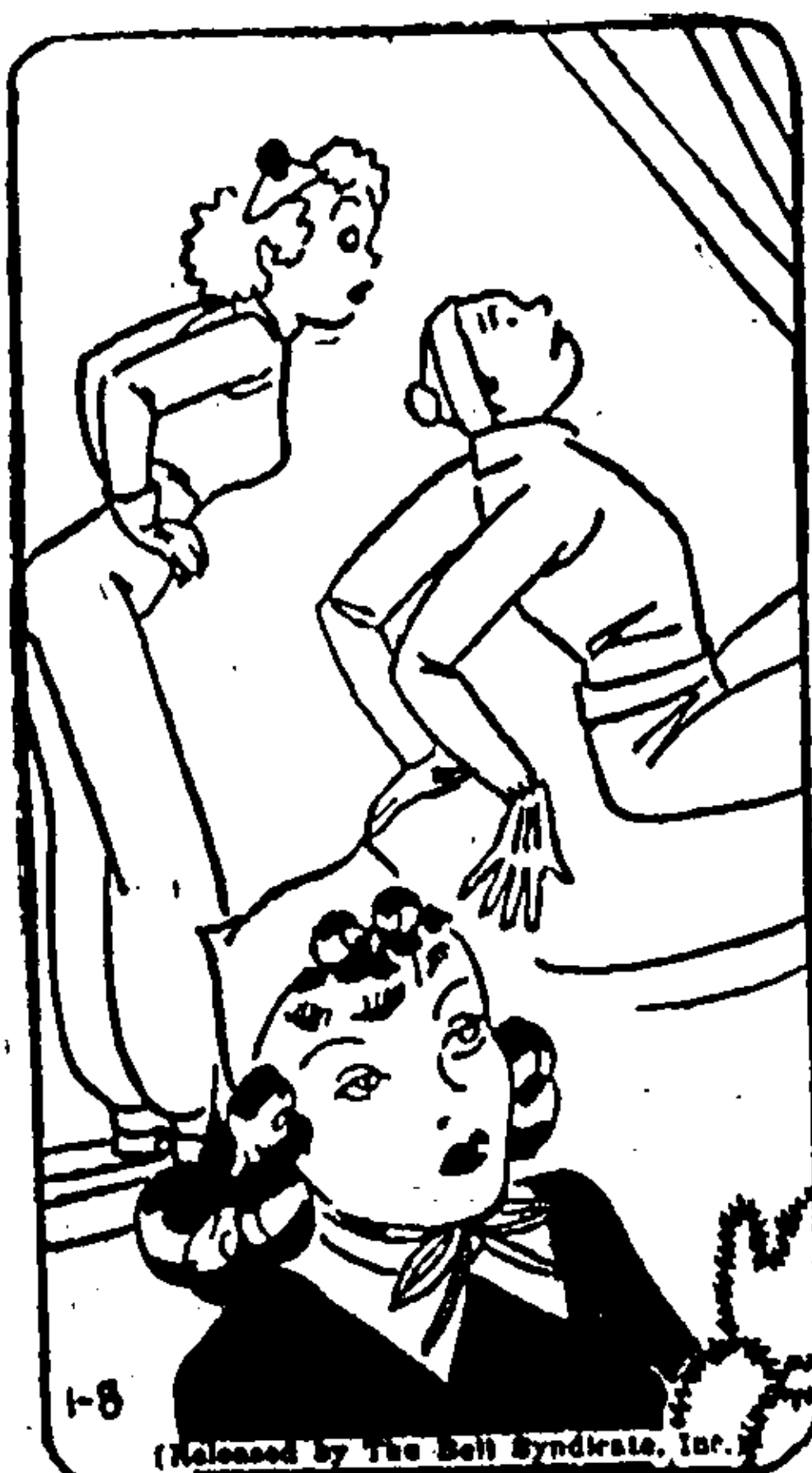
Recrelo "A" defeated the Kowloon C.C. in a Mixed Doubles League match by nine sets to nil last night.

Scores:

J. L. Anderson and Miss B. Harker (K.C.C.).
lost to M. A. Oliveira and Miss Silva 12-21
lost to J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro 6-21
lost to L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro 13-21
A. L. Fisher and Miss M. Stokes (K.C.C.).
lost to Oliveira and Miss Silva 12-21
lost to Remedios and Miss Ribeiro 13-21
lost to Carvalho and Miss Ribeiro 14-21
T. Kevan and Miss B. Parsons (K.C.C.).
lost to Oliveira and Miss Silva 10-21
lost to Remedios and Miss Ribeiro 12-21
lost to Carvalho and Miss Ribeiro 3-21
Playing at home, St. John's lost to the University 6-3 in the Mixed Doubles League last night.
H. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley (St. John's).
lost to K. L. Yong and Miss Ullan Khoo 16-21
lost to P. K. Hool and Ullan Khoo 15-21
beat P. S. Bun and Miss J. Hung 21-15
D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson (St. John's).
lost to Yong and Miss Khoo 10-21
beat Hool and Miss Khoo 21-16
beat Bun and Miss Hung 24-19
N. Smith and Mrs. W. Penney (St. John's).
lost to Yong and Miss Khoo 5-21
lost to Hool and Miss Khoo 18-21
lost to Bun and Miss Hung 14-21

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET CANCELLED

Match between University and Hong Kong Volunteers fixed for to-morrow, has been cancelled owing to the fact that the University ground is not available.



The mentally sketchy girlfriend is sure when her beau says to him a ski run is just one backward plunge after another he means he is slipping.

WOLFRAM CONTROL IN AUSTRALIA

London, To-day.

Arrangements between the Ministry of Supply and the Australian Government for the wartime control of Australian wolfram ore production will be ratified in Melbourne next week.

According to market circles the ore is of good quality and the annual production averages a thousand tons. It is understood the price will be on the basis of £62.6.0 (Australian currency) for February delivery. —Reuter.

TWO TRADE AGREEMENTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Oslo, To-day.

Norway and Britain and Norway and Germany have reached agreement on new trade accords to be signed shortly.

In London, it is stated the new Anglo-Norwegian agreement will enable Norwegian steamers not necessarily to call at British contraband control ports. —Havas.

OSLO ANNOUNCEMENT

Oslo, To-day.

It is officially announced that a trade agreement between Britain and Norway is expected to be signed shortly in London.

The statement says: "Negotiations have been going on for some time

CHEERFUL MARKET

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE MAINTAINED A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION YESTERDAY, WITH KAFFIRS, DIAMONDS AND INDUSTRIALS TO THE FOREFRONT OF ACTIVITY, AND OFFERINGS FOR PROFIT-TAKING WERE QUICKLY ABSORBED.

Gilt-edged securities were well supported and irredeemable Indian loans were sharply marked up on news of the proposed conversions.

Home rails, after easing, turned steadier.

In the commodities, shellac was firm with a fair trade demand.

Wall Street was irregular. —Reuter.

GENERAL VON GRONAU PASSES

Berlin, To-day.

General von Gronau died yesterday at the age of 90. He fought in the Franco-Prussian War and the Great War. —Reuter.

In London and Oslo on Norwegian-British trade during the present extraordinary conditions and with the aim of obtaining modifications of the British contraband control regarding supplies for Norway.

"An agreement has now been reached."

It is also officially announced that a German-Norwegian protocol regulating trade between the two countries during the war was to be signed yesterday. —Reuter.

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Relay Of
Speech By The
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To-day's Wireless

Debussy
Compositions:
Variety

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Kitty Masters (Vocal) and Alfredo and His Orchestra.
Gipsy Caprice (Ferraris); Wanderlust—Waltz (Smith); Alfredo & His Orch.
When The Swallows Nest Again (Stevens & Edmund); Sweetheart, Let's Grow Old Together (Bratton & Edwards); Kitty Masters (Vocal) with Orchestra.
I Once Had A Heart, Margarita (Lisbona, Connor & Schmitz); Serenade In The Night (Blixo-Kennedy); Alfredo & His Orchestra.
Many Happy Returns of the Day (Henry Hall)—film 'Music Hath Charms'; Kitty

Masters (Vocal) with Orchestra.
Tell Me Again (Grosz); Russian Gipsy Sketch (Ferraris); Alfredo & His Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Magyarl Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
The Acacia Blossoms Twice.
More Stars Than There are in the Sky
Once I Had A Dear Mother.

The Sun Is In Love With The Moon.
I Was Roving About.
The Barrack Roof Is Being Shingled.
Once On My Grave.
Song of the Elder.

1.15 p.m.—Viennese Waltzes.
Moonlight On The Danube—Waltz (Byron Gay); Gypsy Love—Waltz Melodies (Lehar); Orchestra Mascotte.
A Thousand and One Nights—Waltz (Joh. Strauss); Felix Weingartner conducting the British Symphony Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Latest Variety.
Piano—Don't Worry 'Bout Me (Intro: 'What goes up must come down'—both from 'Cotton Club Parade'); Wishing (Intro: 'Sing My Heart'—film 'Love Affair'); Arthur Sandford.
Comedian—Sandy Joins the Army (Thomson, Powell); Sandy Powell.
Organ—Good Old Songs Medley. Intro: Daisy Bell; Nellie Dean; The Man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo; Here we are again; Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay; Down at the Old Bull and Bush; Reginald Foort.

Comedians—Blackout The Flat (Askey and Murdoch); Arthur Askey & Richard Murdoch.
Piano—Fox-Trot Medley. Intro: Stairway to the Stars; I never knew heaven could speak; If I were sure of you.
Waltz—Medley. Intro: Roses are blooming in loveland; There's danger in the Waltz; The Little Golden Ring; Billy Thorburn with drums.

2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.
6.00 p.m.—Compositions of Debussy.
La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin... Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Marcel Gazelle.
"The Children's Corner" Suite... Alfred Cortot (Piano).
Nuit D'Etoiles... Helene Ludolph (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore and Organ by Herbert Dawson.
Arabesque No. 1... Mildred Dilling (Harp).
Clair De Lune... John Hunt (Piano).

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—BRAHMS—Quartet in G Minor, Op. 25. Arthur Rubinstein and Mm. Onnou, Prevost & Mass of the Pro Arte Quartet.

7.05 p.m.—Short Concert by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) and Jussel Bjorling (Tenor).
Caprice Viennois (Kreiser)... Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Strange Harmony (from 'Tosca'—Puccini); Woman Is Fickle (from 'Rigoletto'—Verdi)... Jussel Bjorling (Tenor) with Orchestra.

I'll play the Innocent Country Maid (from 'Die Fledermaus'—Strauss); My Lord Marquis (from 'Die Fledermaus'—Strauss)... Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Heavenly Aida, Divine Aida (from 'Aida'—Verdi); Your Tiny Hands are Frozen (from 'La Boheme'—Puccini)... Jussel Bjorling (Tenor) with Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra.

At Dawning (Cadmen).
The Waltzing Doll (Poldini).
Poet and Peasant—Overture (Suppe).
Serenade Mauresque, Op. 10, No. 2 (Elgar).

8.20 p.m.—The Regimental Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
"The Mikado"—Selection (Sullivan).
Hands Across The Sea—March (Souza).

8.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Freedom's Sword". Finland's Independence led by Field Marshal Mannerheim.

9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.

9.28 p.m.—Local Sports Results.

9.30 p.m.—Variety Programme.

Talking and Singing—Band Waggon... Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch and Company.

Sketch—Two Minds Without A Single Thought (Douglas Furber; The Girl in The Post Office (Ronald Jeans)... Cicely Courtneidge and Company.

Vocal—Still The Bluebird Sing (film 'The Star Maker'); An Apple For The Teacher (film 'The Star Maker')... Bing Crosby with Connie Boswell & Orchestra.

Orch.—The Little Dog Laughed—Selection... The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood.

Talking & Orchestra—Harry Roy's New Stage Show... Harry Roy & His Orch.

Vocal—The Washing On The Siegfried Line... Arthur Askey with Ronnie Munro's Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—Speech by Prime Minister from Birmingham.

11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"London Log".

11.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Rose of Washington Square; And The Angels Sing... Benny Goodman & His Orchestra.

Tango—South of the Border... Jack Harris & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Deep In A Dream.

Waltz—Mexicali Rose (from 'Rhythm on the Ranch')... Oscar Rabin & His Romany Band.

Fox-Trots—Honolulu (from the film); This Night (film 'Honolulu')... Tommy Dorsey & His Orchestra.

Bolero—Tendre Bolero.

Rumba—Mario La O... Lecuona Cuban Boys with Elyane Celis (Vocal).

Swing Music—Junk Man's Serenade; Ja Da... Ovie Alston & His Orchestra.

Waltzes—Where The Shannon Flows Down to the Sea; The Umbrella Man (from 'These foolish things')... Billy Cotton & His Band.

Fox-Trots—Siberian Sleigh Ride; In An 18th Century Drawing Room... Hal Kemp & His Orchestra.

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PLANNING A GRAND COUP

Richard T. Goodwin of Baltimore, Md., writes: "It is rare indeed when an opportunity for a Grand Coup presents itself, but when it does and its exception is planned in advance of the first card Declarer plays, the successful Declarer has scored a real triumph. Such is the play of Ronald Walker of Baltimore."

South, Dealer
♠ Q 6
♥ A K Q 8 6 3
♦ K Q 10
♣ 5 3
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♠ J 10 9 4
♥ 9 4 2
♦ Q 10 8 7
♣ 6 2
♠ A K 9 8 5 4 2
♥ —
♦ A J 7 6
♣ A K
Mr. Walker

The bidding:
South West North East
3♠ Pass 3♥ Pass
3♠ Pass 4NT Pass
5♠ Pass 7♠ Pass
Pass Pass

"The four notrump is the Blackwood Convention," explains Mr. Goodwin. "When Mr. Walker showed three Aces, the North player didn't even ask for Kings, but jumped to seven spades."

"After the opening lead of the Jack of hearts, the only fear Mr. Walker had was finding all opposing trumps in one hand, and even this could be overcome if they were placed with East. On this assumption, Mr. Walker carefully trumped the opening heart lead in his own hand and followed with a spade to dummy's Queen. Sure enough, his super-caution was justified for West showed out. A trump was led back, forcing East to

split his honours. A diamond was then led to dummy and another heart trumped. This procedure was tried once more and a third diamond played to dummy. East followed and Mr. Walker, with a sigh of relief, gathered in his contract by his continued lead of high hearts. A perfectly timed Grand Coup. Failure to trump a heart at the first trick would have resulted in defeat of the contract."

Our congratulations to Mr. Walker for his fine bidding and play.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and held:

♠ A K Q J x x x
♥ A x x
♦ K x x
♣ —
The bidding:
You Schenken Maier
1♥ Pass 3♣ Pass
(?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is three hearts. You are probably going to get to seven with this hand before you are through, but there is no hurry.

Score 100% for three hearts, 0 for three notrump. We are not going to mark the various other bids, since practically any bid that partner cannot pass will lead to no trouble with his fine hand.

QUESTION NO. 342
You are Merwin Maier's partner and hold:

♠ 6 2
♥ A K 6 4 3 2
♦ A
♣ 5 4 3 2
The bidding:
You Burnstone Maier Schenken
1♥ Pass 1NT Pass
2♥ Pass 3NT Pass
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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THE 1940 RACING GUIDE

Following gives the first three in every race, the distance, the time, won by, weight and jockey, and the figure AM1 denotes the first day of the Annual Meeting A.M.2 the second day and so on:

China Ponies

- 1/2 Mile 170 Yards:**
 1.02.4 (record)—Spicylight (Moller, 164); 2. Mount Hope Bay (Black, 161); 3. White Diamond (Pih, 158). 1/2 and many. A.M.3.
 1.04.3 (record)—Racylight (Moller, 161); 2. Possible (Tang, Man Wa, 158); 3. White Diamond (Pih, 158). 4 and 2. A.M.2.
Six Furlongs:
 1.21.2 (record)—Mount Hope Bay (Black, 161); 2. Craigavad (Encarnacao, 161); 3. Eve of Folly (Proulx, 158). 6 and many. A.M.4.
 1.22.4 (record)—Spicylight (Moller, 161); 2. Craigavad (Liang, 161); 3. Possible (Wei, 158). 6 and 1/2. A.M.1.
 1.23.1—Eve of Heaven (Marshall, 156); 2. Humdrum Eve (Pih, 151); 3. Lilliber (Gram, 152). 2 and dead heat. A.M.2.
 1.25.2—Lancashire Lass (Chao, 154); 2. Oak Bay (Needa, 146); 3. Peaceful View (Pih, 156). 1 1/2 and 1. A.M.2.
 1.27.3—National Pride (H. M. Botelho, 138); 2. Boolat Bay (Gram, 168); 3. Rose-Queen (Poy, 156). Short head and 2. A.M.4.
 1.30.1—Clowner (Ip, 148) and Sylvandale (Hearne, 140); 3. Soldier of Britain (Funk, 168). Dead heat and 1 1/2. A.M.4.
1 Mile:
 1.51.2 (record)—Burford (Pih, 161); 2. O-Lan (Needa, 158); 3. Dupont Bay (Hearne, 161). A.M.3.
 1.53.1—Clember (Chao, 161); 2. Possible (Tang Man Wa, 158); 3. Johnber (Gram, 158). 4 and 2. A.M.4.
 1.54.1—Eve of Harvest (Encarnacao, 168); 2. Lilliber (Gram, 152); 3. Bear Claw (Black, 153). 2 1/2 and 2. A.M.3.
 2.01.0—King Kong (Chao, 159); 2. Salvage Master (Pan, 150). 6 and many. A.M.4.
 2.02.0—Musketeer (Liang, 157); 2. Celtic Star (Marshall, 163); 3. Rose Evelyn (Encarnacao, 165). 4 and 2. A.M.2.
 2.09.2—Bogey (Chiu Ki Fan, 140); 2. Gog (Sadick, 161); 3. Valorous (Wood, 158). 4 and 1 1/2. A.M.4.
1 Mile 171 Yards:
 2.12.2—Tampa Bay (Wei, 159); 2. Boolat Bay (Tao, 163); 3. Galveston Bay (Hearne, 156). Short head and short head. A.M.1.
 2.13.4—Strathbannock (Black, 163); 2. Guinness Time (Wei, 154); 3. Clowner (Ip, 146). Short head and 2 1/2. A.M.1.
 2.15.4—Guinness Time (Wei, 163); 2. Strathbannock (Black, 171); 3. Celtic Star (Marshall, 165). 3 and 3. A.M.3.
 2.17.0—This Time (Wei, 140); 2. Night View (Pih, 163); 3. Some Hope (Hearne, 145). 1 1/2 and short head. A.M.3.
 2.18.4—Phoenix (Liang, 152); 2. Emergency Call (Black, 140); 3. Bressay (Hearne, 154). 5 and neck. A.M.3.
1 1/4 Miles:
 2.20.4 (record)—Burford (Pih, 161); 2. Satinlight (Moller, 161); 3. Confusion Bay (Black, 161). 2 and 3. A.M.4.
 2.22.0—Confusion Bay (Black, 159); 2. Eve of Harvest (Marshall, 148); 3. Navy-light (Moller, 162). 2 and 1/2. A.M.2.
 2.24.4—Racylight (Moller, 160) and Greiber (Gram, 161); 3. For All Time (Wei, 161). Dead heat and 5. A.M.4.
 2.24.1—Satinlight (Moller, 161); 2. Greiber (Gram, 161); 3. Mount Hope Bay (Black, 161). 5 and many. A.M.1.
1 1/2 Miles:
 2.50.4 (record)—Satinlight (Moller, 161); 2. Burford (Pih, 161); 3. Craigavad (Encarnacao, 161). 1/2 and many. A.M.2.
1 3/4 Miles:
 3.41.3—Navylight (Moller, 161); 2. Confusion Bay (Black, 161); 3. Eve of Harvest (Encarnacao, 158). Neck and many. A.M.1.

Australian Ponies

- 1/2 Mile 170 Yards:**
 1.00.3—Melody Star (Proulx, 155); 2. Spring Shine (Chao, 152); 3. Princess Claro (Liang, 152). 6 and 3. A.M.3.
 1.01.0—Flying Dutchman (Needa, 152) and Sparrow (Chao, 153); 3. Sea Jay (Proulx, 155). Dead heat and short head. A.M.3.
Six Furlongs:
 1.16.2—Far View (Pih, 155); 2. Sparrow (Wei, 152); 3. Sea Jay (Proulx, 155). 6 and 4. A.M.1.
 1.17.2—Lancashire Chips (Wei, 155); 2. Criffel (Needa, 150); 3. Double Finesse (S. W. Pan, 140). 4 and short head. A.M.1.
 1.17.3—Sydney Lad (Hearne, 155); 2. Pumpernickel (Proulx, 152); 3. Derby Day (Chao, 155). Neck and 2 1/2. A.M.3.
 1.17.4—Australian Diamond (Tao, 155); 2. Melody Star (Proulx, 155); 3. Lucky Lady (Needa, 155). Short head and 2. A.M.1.
 1.17.4—Sapper (Encarnacao, 155); 2. Contact (Davis, 152); 3. Viceroy (Chao, 155). 3 and 1. A.M.1.
 1.19.2—Ruby Star (S. W. Pan, 138); 2. Heinz (Davis, 155); 3. Violet Queen (Chao, 153). Short head and short head. A.M.2.
7 Furlongs 49 Yards:
 1.36.1—Ajax (Liang, 150); 2. Happy Landings (Davis, 145); 3. Pumpernickel (Proulx, 155). Short head and short head. A.M.4.
1 Mile:
 1.44.4—Courtney Eve (Pih, 147); 2. Chiltern (Encarnacao, 155) and Tornado Star

- (Proulx, 153). 2 and dead heat. A.M.4.
 1.46.2—Contact (Davis, 152); 2. Ascot Day (Chao, 155); 3. Busylight (H. M. Botelho, 147). 6 and 1/2. A.M.2.
 1.48.1—Lucky Lady (Hearne, 153) and Amicus Curiae (Gram, 155); 3. Albury (Encarnacao, 155). Dead heat and 1. A.M.2.
1 1/4 Miles:
 2.14.1—Lucky Lad (Needa, 154); 2. Baffin Bay (Hearne, 145); 3. Devonian (Black, 150). 1 1/2 and 1. A.M.2.
 2.15.1—Murrumbidgee (Black, 136); 2. A Roaring Time (Wei, 165); 3. Annabella (Chao, 165). Many and many. A.M.3.
 2.16.0—Viceroy (Needa, 155); 2. Vanity Fair (Ip, 155); 3. Albury (Encarnacao, 155). Short head and 2 1/2. A.M.4.
 2.16.3—Baffin Bay (Hearne, 160); 2. Tornado Star (Wei, 148); 3. Lucky Lad (Needa, 160). Short head and short head. A.M.1.
 2.19.0—Brutus (Black, 158); 2. Discovery Bay (Wei, 145); 3. Twilight Star (S. W. Pan, 149). 5 and dead heat. A.M.2.
1 1/2 Miles:
 2.41.4 (record)—Far View (Pih, 155); 2. Sapper (Encarnacao, 153); 3. Amicus Curiae (Marshall, 155). 3/4 and 6. A.M.3.

RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

RACE NO. 1 CRAIGAVAD O-LAN POSSIBLE

Outsider:—Johnber.

RACE NO. 2 VANITY FAIR ALBURY SEA JAY

Outsider:—Busylight.

RACE NO. 3 BEAR CLAW RED FEATHER ROB ROY

Outsider:—Galaxy.

RACE NO. 4 NIGHT VIEW SOME HOPE ESTOVER

Outsider:—Gold Coin.

RACE NO. 5 DISCOVERY BAY TWILIGHT STAR STRATHCARRICK

Outsider:—Dick Turpin.

RACE NO. 6 VALOROUS PALMER ROSE DAY

Outsider:—Gallant Marshal.

COLONY SOCCER TEAM FOR SAIGON?

Following the official visit by the Saigon football team to the Colony during the Chinese New Year's holidays, the Hong Kong Football Association has, it is reported, decided to send a team to Saigon during May on a return visit.

It is understood that three matches, including one interport, will be played there during the visit and the local team will probably be leaving at the end of April.

The "China Mail" also learns that Eastern will visit Rangoon and Singapore during their forthcoming tour.



RACE NO. 7

EXPANSION TIME POTENTATE JOBER

Outsider:—Just in Time.

RACE NO. 8

FAR VIEW SAPPER BAFFIN BAY

Outsider:—Lucky Lad.

RACE NO. 9

BRESSAY EMERGENCY CALL TALKATIVE

Outsider:—Portrush.

DAILY DOUBLE:—NIGHT VIEW AND VALOROUS.

TO-DAY'S RUGBY

To-day's Rugby programme at Causeway Bay comprises two International matches, Ireland v Wales at 3 p.m. and England v Scotland at 4.15 p.m.

Ireland and Wales are expected to win.

Following are the teams:

IRELAND:—Mid. Roe (Navy); D. Hynes (Club); B. C. Fay (Police); Mid. Teare (Navy) and R. M. Lavelle (Club); Mid. O'Riordan (Navy) and Sto. Gallagher (Navy); P. F. Wanklyn (Club); Lt. (E) Brown (Navy) (captain); Cullinan (Police); B. Hynes (Club); J. H. Thornhill (Club); B. O'M. Deane (Club); Dempsey (Police) and Chf/Wtr. King (Navy).

WALES:—H. F. Hopkins (Club); Gnr. Richards (Army); T. O. Morgan (Club); L/C. Waite (Army) and Tel. Bowden (Navy); Lt. Coombe (Army) and Pte. Butler (Army); A. F. Walkden (Club) (captain); L. A. Searle (Police); L. S. A. Palmer (Navy); Gnr. Evans (Army); Fit/Lt. Taylor (Navy); Mid. Murray-Jones (Navy); L/Wtr. Barlow (Navy) and L/Wtr. Ferris (Navy).

ENGLAND:—Lt. Stevens (Navy) (captain); D. I. Bosanquet (Club); J. C. Charter (Club); Tel. Paul (Club) and F. M. Thompson (Club); Lt. Carter (Navy) and E. C. Luscombe (Police); R. E. Heaseman (Club); Lt. Hewitt (Army); Pte. Berry (Army); E. A. Bompas (Club); C. F. Needham (Club); Lt. Ridsdale (Army); Innis (Police) and Wright-Nooth (Police).

SCOTLAND:—Taylor (Police); Spr. Birrell (Army); J. Hutchison (Club); C. G. Wilson (Police) and M. G. Carruthers (Club); Lt. Douglas (Army) and J. M. Thomson (Club); I. M. Macrae (Club); Cpl. Sutherland (Army); A. M. Kennedy (Club); 2/Lt. Cuthbertson (Army) (captain); 2/Lt. Millar (Army); 2/Lt. Pinkerton (Army); A. J. G. Taylor (Club) and G. B. Godfrey (Club).

C.C.C. SHOULD EXTEND RECREIO

(By "APREM")

Senior Champions, Club de Recreio, are making a great bid to retain their title. In order to do so, however, they cannot afford to drop further points, as C.C.C. their nearest rivals, have secured maximum points in four games, whereas Recreio have already dropped two points.

Craigsgower are never a team to be disregarded and will be all out for blood this afternoon, but with territorial advantage, Recreio should not be beaten although they might be held to a draw.

Army should secure their second successive win, against University.

Craigsgower should win easily in Junior Division against University but a keen struggle should result from the fixture between Police and I.R.C.

The latter team have shown considerable improvement over their form of last season, while the Police, who are still favourably placed for the championship, have yet to meet with defeat. On their own ground Police will have a slight advantage but frankly I shall not be surprised if either side win.

Following is to-day's cricket programme and some of the teams:—

LEAGUE

Recreio	v C.C.C.
Army	v University
C.C.C.	v University
Police R.C.	v I.R.C.

FRIENDLIES

K.C.C.	v H.K.C.C.
H.K.C.C. 2nd XI	v K.C.C. 2nd XI

The following have been selected to represent Police Recreation Club in a League cricket match at Happy Valley this afternoon against Indian Recreation Club:—

C. Pope, A. E. Carey, W. L. Clarke, T. R. Hunter, P. H. Loughlin, J. L. Stephens, H. Danbrowsky, A. Kirby, F. Forrest, J. Lewis and A. Estael. Rev. J. A. C. Aitkens.

EASTERN TO MEET ROYALS

After two week-ends occupied by the Interports, League football will be again the chief attraction on the programme for this afternoon; most interesting game should be Royal Scots against Eastern at Sookunpoo.

A win for the Chinese will probably result, despite the fact that the Scots will be strengthened by their crack centre-forward, Hossack, who has just returned from Shanghai after the Interport.

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LADIES' HOCKEY

ST. ANDREW'S TAKING NO CHANCES TO-DAY

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Main attraction in to-day's ladies' hockey programme in the Caer Clark Cup match between St. Andrew's and Central British Association, which will be on C.B.A. ground, starting at 3 p.m.

In order to qualify for a play-off with "Y" for the championship, the Saints must win this game, and the one next Saturday against Recreio.

On recent performances they should succeed in doing this but they are taking no chances and their team this afternoon is the strongest they can field.

Miss Mabel Churn, who did not play last week owing to indisposition, is back in the side again.

C.B.A. TACTICS

C.B.A. are also at full strength — which means a mediocre forward-line but a powerful defence. It is noteworthy that Mrs. M. White, is again appearing as a full back, and Miss D. Moss as custodian. It appears therefore that C.B.A. are staking all on a quick goal and the ability of the defence to keep the Saints' forwards out of shooting range.

In the other senior game, C.B.S., who entertain a powerful Hong Kong Ladies' team, are unlikely to do better than extend their experienced opponents.

In the Brawn Cup, Argonauts the present leaders and potential champions, will not be in action and the most interesting game should be between D.G.S., at present second in the table, and "Y" Ladies.

The schoolgirls will field their usual team but with "Y" considerably strengthened by the return to the custodian's berth of Miss Sheila Bruce, who has been on leave, and of Mrs. Violet Fowler to the centre-forward position, will take a lot of beating.

The other game should result in a win for C.B.A. over C.B.S.

Following is to-day's Ladies' hockey programme and teams:—

CAER CLARK CUP

St. Andrew's v C. B. A. (C.B.A., 3.00 p.m.)
C. B. S. v H. K. Ladies (C.B.S., 3.00 p.m.)

BRAWN CUP

Recreio v St. Andrew's ("Rec.", 3.00 p.m.)
"Y" Ladies v D. G. S. ("Y", 3.00 p.m.)

C. B. A. v C. B. S. (C.B.A., 4.15 p.m.)

TEAMS

St. Andrew's:—Miss J. Hall; Miss G. White and Miss M. da Roza; Mrs. S. Schallburg; Miss J. Wong and Miss B. Greaves; Miss F. Wong, Miss M. Churn, Mrs. P. Bliss.



Miss H. Reid and Miss S. Roberts.
C.B.S.:—Miss J. MacFadyen; Miss B. Goodwin and Miss V. Moss; Miss P. Kirby, Miss J. Kew and A. N. Other; Miss E. Watson, Miss J. Bradbury, Miss J. Moss, Miss M. Shand and Miss V. Slissons.

C.B.A.:—Miss D. Moss; Mrs. M. Wilmott and Mrs. M. White; Miss P. Everest, Miss I. Woolley and Miss A. Smith; Miss D. Squires, Miss P. Whitley, Miss B. Parsons, Mrs. M. Quick and Miss E. Lathovetsky.
H.K. Ladies:—Mrs. Lunson; Miss Gray and Miss Stratton; Miss J. Booker, Miss Grieg and Miss Gordon-Smith; Miss Marr, Mrs. Dalziel, Miss M. Booker, Miss N. Quin and Miss Smalley.

Juniors
Recreio:—Miss C. Silva; Mrs. B. Castro and Miss M. Ribeiro; Miss G. Jorge; Miss N. Osmund and Miss M. Silva; Miss L. Rodrigues, Miss M. Figuerido, Miss M. Campos, Miss N. Gonsalves and Miss I. Rosario.

C.B.S.:—Miss P. Loseby; Miss S. Gehring and Miss J. Tinson; Miss S. Burroughs, Miss J. Bonney and Miss B. Rickwood; Miss M. Meffan, Miss D. Craig, Miss M. MacFarlane, Miss E. Rousseau and Miss P. Beraha.

D.G.S.:—Miss K. Bush; Miss N. Maxwell and Miss P. Crofton; Miss E. Van Bergen, Miss P. Lang and Miss F. Wong; Miss P. Kotewall, Miss V. Churn, Miss E. Churn, Miss C. Kotewall and Miss E. Hicks.

C.B.A.:—Miss W. Grimmit; Mrs. M. MacKay and Miss V. Beaumont; Miss M. McAlpine, Miss J. Felshaw and Miss E. Hunt; Mrs. J. Crawford, Miss P. Baxter, Miss E. Woolley, Miss F. Grimmit and Miss I. Cunningham.

"Y" Ladies:—Miss Bruce; Mrs. Trimmer and Mrs. Grieve; Miss Dunne, Miss Stokes

FOOTBALL FIXTURE

TO-DAY
SENIOR SHIELD (2ND ROUND)
Royal Scots v Eastern (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
FIRST DIVISION
Kowloon v South China "A" (Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)
St. Joseph's v Club (Club, 4.15 p.m.)
Police v Navy (Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)
JUNIOR SHIELD (2ND ROUND)
30th R.A. v Kowloon (Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)
THIRD DIVISION
International v 5th R.A. (Club, 2.45 p.m.)
Kumaons v South China (Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)
24th R.A. v R.A.M.C. (St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)
Royal Scots v 12th R.A. (Military, 2.45 p.m.)
R.A.S.C. v Engineers (Military, 4.15 p.m.)

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and Mrs. Ashman; Mrs. Dicknell, Miss Russell, Mrs. V. Fowler, Mrs. Macklin and Mrs. Peters.
St. Andrew's:—Miss H. Millington; Miss P. Lawson and Miss G. Darby; Miss P. Jeffreys, Mrs. Hamson and Miss Doughty; Miss Banker, Miss I. Hicks, Miss B. Longbottom, Miss H. May and Miss T. Jex.

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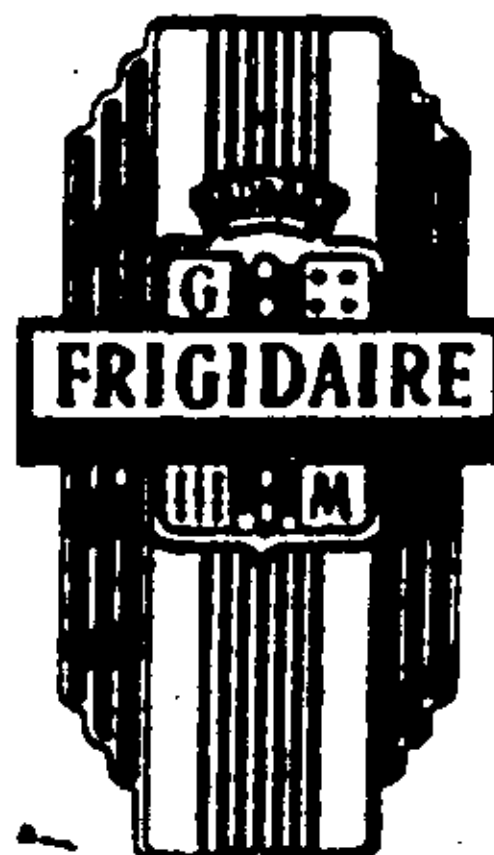
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The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

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Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

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By Order,

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Hong Kong, 11th February, 1940.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB**TENNIS TOURNAMENT 1940**

Entries close TO-DAY,
24th February, 1940, at
6 p.m.

**PUBLIC AUCTION****PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS**

Of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 26th day of February, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Korloron Inland Lot No. 4231.	Between To Kwa Wan Road, South West and Ha Heung Road, South West of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4148.	n.	n.	n.	n.	About 26,500	\$488	\$19,875
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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Rural Building Lot No. 433.	Opposite Rural Building Lot No. 147, Island Road, Tytam.	n.	n.	n.	n.	About 15,000	\$172	\$2,750
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HOLLAND SPY RING ARRESTS

Amsterdam, To-day.

Following the discovery of a big spy ring in Holland arrests are expected shortly in connection with the luminous balls which have recently been fired into the air at night in various parts of the country.

Purpose of the balls is evidently to guide foreign aircraft.

It has already been reported, though not confirmed, that some people being held in connexion with the spy plot are suspected of having sent them up.

The military authorities, meanwhile, are investigating reports that further coloured balls were shot into the sky near Amersfoort and Loenen a few nights ago.

The existence of the spy ring was disclosed with the arrest of six persons, including a German, at Groningen, in north Holland.

Police investigations followed the attempted escape of two foreign soldiers who had been interned.—Reuter.

ALLIES MUST AID FINLAND

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dations. "The risk of helping Finland may be great but the risk of not helping her may be greater.

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THOSE WHO RUN RISKS WARNED

London, To-day.

Sir Walter Monckton, Director-General of the Press Bureau, had a frank talk with journalists at the Press Club luncheon yesterday.

Sir Walter gave a warning that certain newspapers "who prefer to do their own censorship" would not be allowed indefinitely to escape the regulations which the press generally had accepted.

He had not to institute proceedings against any newspaper but in two cases had submitted papers to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Sir Walter recalled that the submission of news for censorship was voluntary, and appealed to defaulters not to take an unfair advantage of the rest of the press by failing to submit news when necessary.

"If not, though I should hate it, I cannot let it rest there," he concluded.—Reuter.

Finland, or that Germany won't receive from Russia equivalent advantages in Scandinavia?

"Control of Finland, Norway and Sweden by Germany and Russia would mean that our considerable purchases there could be stopped, and Germany would be able to organise additional markets for herself.

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STOP PRESS

Washington, To-day.

The House of Representatives, by 161 votes to 144, yesterday rejected a proposal that the approval of Congress should be required for all future reciprocal trade pacts entered into by the United States.

The House also rejected a proposal that the Senate alone should ratify the pacts.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

It is learned in authoritative quarters that the Government has now received a reply from Japan to its protest at the bombing of the French-owned Yunnan Railway. The reply is said to be framed in a conciliatory spirit, expressing the Japanese Government's desire to settle the incident amicably.—Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

The banking committee of the House of Representatives yesterday approved the Bill to increase the capital of the Export and Import Bank but in slightly different form to that approved by the Senate. The new form would allow a \$20,000,000 credit for Finland, to be used for the purchase of aircraft.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The New York wireless states that Mr. Sumner Welles is expected to confer with Hitler when he visits Berlin. It says that the American Ambassador called on the Foreign Office in Berlin to arrange the meeting. Mr. Welles is expected to reach Berlin on Tuesday, when he will interview Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop.—Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

A proposal that the United States should co-operate with Britain in order to minimise the effects of the censorship of United States air mail at Bermuda has been made by Senator Key Pittman.

He suggested an agreement by which mail destined for Germany and Italy and other countries bordering on Germany should be kept separate for the censor's inspection, if the British would permit other mail to go through unmolested.

Meanwhile the State Department has issued a statement regarding reports that armed British Marines boarded the Clipper at Bermuda.

The statement says that a telegram from Mr. Juan Trippe, President of Pan-American Airways, next day, made no mention of any such incident.

"No mention was made by Mr. Trippe or in the report of the U.S. consul that force was used or threatened in connexion with the removal of mails from the plane. Both the captain of the plane and the Pan-American representative were in communication with the consul and had every opportunity to mention any use of force or threat of force by the British authorities."—Reuter.

Gibraltar, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, arrived here yesterday in the liner Rex on his way to Italy.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The official German wireless states that the German trawler Herr Lichkeit has been captured by a British warship off the Norwegian coast.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

The hope is expressed in authoritative French circles that the Scandinavian States will form a solid bloc against external threats, on the lines of the Balkan Entente.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The Swedish Parliament yesterday voted 94,500,000 kroner for the purchase of war material to strengthen the air forces, according to the Stockholm radio.—Reuter.

Oslo, To-day.

It is learned that the Norwegian Government intend to propose to the British Government that the Altmork affair be submitted to arbitration if the Anglo-Norwegian negotiations now proceeding do not lead to an agreement.—Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

Britain's reply to the United States Note of December 8, protesting against the British blockade of German exports, was received by the State Department yesterday.

It is understood the Note defends the British position and recalls that some concessions have been made for German exports already paid for by Americans.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The Gothenburg newspaper "Nytid" says that Mr. Anthony Eden's demonstrative visit to Egypt means that something is doing.

Germany cannot prevent mobilisation there. Hopes that the Arab world would finish the hated British have vanished.

The paper continues: Russia's setback in Finland has given the Allies trumps in the diplomatic game. If the Allies cut oil deliveries from Baku the war is won and Berlin and Moscow have lost.—Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

Senator Gerald Nye, speaking at the annual banquet of Grand Master Masons, declared that "arrogant Britain" would come to terms quickly over the censorship of U.S. mails if American air liners in future avoided Bermuda. "If the German, Russian or Japanese authorities were to rifle our mails, as the Britons are doing at Bermuda, how easy it might be to enrage the people to an anger that was boundless," he declared. Senator Nye added that Britain had good reason to disregard United States protests utterly as they had meant nothing in the past.—Reuter.

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